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2 clusters combine for 21 community COVID cases

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» Six more community cases reported yesterday

It has been determined that two clusters make up 21 of the CNMI's most recent community COVID-19 positive cases, with five new cases deemed to be "unlinked" to the two clusters for now.

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Tina Sablan wants to run for governor

» 4 others file letter of intent to run as governor under the NMI Democratic Party

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Sablan

Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) wants to run for governor under the NMI Democratic Party in the November 2022 general elections and has already submitted her letter of intent to seek the

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Rep. Camacho accused of assault

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Camacho

The Department of Public Safety is looking into a complaint filed by a man alleging that Rep. Vicente Camacho (D-Saipan) was one of three men who assaulted him on the evening of Friday, Oct. 29.

When asked about the complaint filed by Steve Koch against Camacho, Department of Public Safety spokesperson Dre Pange-

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RAINED OUT!

Yesterday's torrential rain played havoc with the annual observance of All Saints Day, when the Catholic faithful would traditionally visit the graves of departed loved ones. Many still made an effort to clean the graves and offer flowers and candles, though, as shown in this photo of the Mount Carmel Cemetery in Chalan Kanoa, but without the usual hordes of residents who stay and offer prayers and hold vigils.

JOSHUA SANTOS

COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:
- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

CPA holds off on granting Air Busan, Air Seoul's request

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority is holding off on making a decision on the requests of Air Busan and Air Seoul to launch inaugural flight to Saipan around Nov. 23.

In a statement from CPA chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds, she said that CPA is holding off on making a decision on the airlines' requests as it works with the COVID-19 Task Force and the Marianas Visitors Authority to ensure that the CNMI has the capacity to accommodate additional Travel Bubble flights.

"Doing the right thing at this point is collaborating with

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AT A GLANCE

As of 7:50pm, Nov. 1, 2021

VACCINATIONS IN THE CNMI

Eligible Population Fully Vaccinated: 83.7%

Days since last community transmission: 1

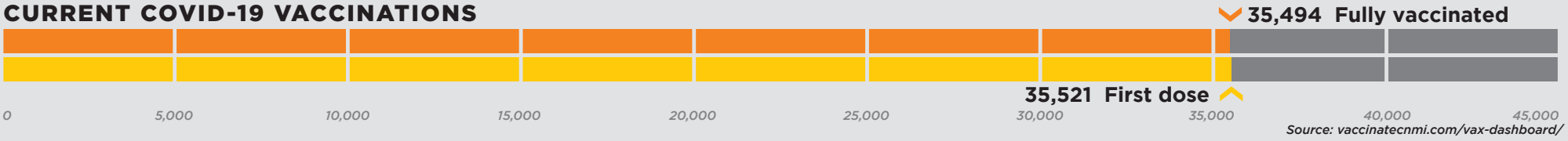
Pfizer/BioNTech	
Initiated:	30,624
Fully Vaccinated:	29,883
Moderna	
Initiated:	4,897
Fully Vaccinated:	4,736
Janssen	
Fully vaccinated:	875

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	18,208	78	18,286
Recovered	15,693	39	15,732
Active	2,234	78	2,312
Deaths	238	4	242

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	312	6	318
Traced via Travel Screening	254	2	256
Traced via Community Screening	56	6	62
Deaths	3	0	3

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., https://www.vaccinatecnmi.com/vax-dashboard/

CURRENT COVID-19 VACCINATIONS



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Local

Guam COVID-related deaths climb to 242, with 7 new additions

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Guam's death toll from the COVID-19 pandemic climbed to 242 yesterday, with the Joint Information Center reporting four more deaths on top of the three deaths that were reported last Friday.

According to the JIC news release, Guam's 239th COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Regional Medical City on Oct. 29, 2021. The patient was a 78-year-old female, unvaccinated, with underlying health conditions. She tested positive on Oct. 22, 2021.

The 240th COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Memorial Hospital on Oct. 30, 2021. The patient was a 46-year-old male, vaccinated, with unknown underlying health conditions. He tested positive on Oct. 29, 2021.

The 241st COVID-19-related fatality occurred at GMH on Oct. 31, 2021. The patient was a 63-year-old female, unvaccinated, with unknown underlying health conditions. She tested positive on Oct. 28, 2021.

The 242nd COVID-19-related fatality was pronounced dead on arrival at the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam on Oct. 31, 2021. The patient was a 95-year-old female, unvaccinated, with underlying health conditions. She tested positive on Oct. 20, 2021.

Guam's 236th, 237th, and 238th COVID-19-related deaths occurred at the GRMC on Oct. 14 and 28.

The 236th case was an unvaccinated 68-year-old female with underlying health conditions. She tested positive for COVID-19 on Sept. 24 and was pronounced dead on Oct. 14.

The 237th case was a partially vaccinated 64-year-old male. He tested positive on Oct. 10 and was pronounced dead on Oct. 28.

The 238th was an unvaccinated 57-year-old male. He tested positive on Oct. 10 and was pronounced dead on Oct. 28.

The JIC also reported that, as of Oct. 31, there are 53 individuals in Guam hospitalized with COVID-19. Of the 53, 25 are vaccinated and 28 are unvaccinated.

The JIC news release yesterday quoted Guam Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero as saying: "[First gentleman] Jeff [Cook], [Lt. Gov.] Josh [Tenorio], and I are deeply saddened by the passing of more of our island brothers and sisters, and we ask the community to join us in prayer as we extend our sincerest condolences to their loved ones in mourning. Remembering the lives of those we have lost to this virus especially as the holidays draw near should give us pause. Let's honor their legacies and do everything that we can to protect all those around us."

Before that, it quoted Leon Guerrero as saying last Friday that the best way to honor the lives lost to the virus is to make use of every preventative measure available. "This pandemic continues to test us, and losing more loved ones to this virus reminds us that we must continue to fight back and protect ourselves and our loved ones from infection. Let's honor the lives and legacies of all those lost to this disease by staying our course, getting vaccinated, and doing everything we can to reduce our risk of exposure," she said.

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OVA Tinian outreach brings up need for VA clinic on the island

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The CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs' recent outreach to veterans on Tinian reopened discussions on the need for a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs-contracted clinic to cater to veterans' medical needs, said OVA executive officer Stanley T. Iakopo.

Iakopo and accredited Veterans Benefits counselor Willie Peterson III flew to Tinian Tuesday last week to meet with veterans living on the island. Plans are in the works to conduct a similar OVA outreach on Rota.

Iakopo said that many topics were brought up during his and Peterson's sit-downs with Tinian veterans, specifically the financial hardships and other challenges that Tinian veterans face when they find themselves needing healthcare services that are covered by their veterans' benefits.

Currently, the CNMI only has one Veterans Affairs-contracted outreach clinic, which is at the Marina Heights II Business Plaza in Puerto Rico, Saipan. Veterans on Tinian who need veteran-centric healthcare services have to fly to Saipan at their own expense.

"Veterans on Tinian are having hardships in terms of trying to travel to [Saipan] to receive [veteran-specific] medical services. …They're still facing financial hardships and dealing with other challenges [because] they don't have a VA facility or VA doctor on Tinian. ...Issues with traveling, issues with finances, and paying for their travels to come [to Saipan] were discussed," said Iakopo.

Other topics discussed during the outreach included the need to have a VA representative or representatives as part of the Tinian Mayor's Office and the need to prioritize the hiring of veterans for these VA-related positions, Iakopo added.

Saipan Tribune earlier reported that Iakopo met with Dr. Adam M. Robinson Jr., who is director of the Veterans Affairs Pacific Islands Healthcare System at the Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Honolulu, Hawaii, to discuss the need to better serve veterans living on Tinian and Rota.

In that meeting with Robinson last May, Iakopo proposed that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs pursue a mutually beneficial partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., allowing CHCC's medical health centers on Tinian and Rota to expand its services and serve as Veterans Affairs outreach clinics.

In an interview in June, Iakopo clarified that veterans on Tinian and Rota can go to and have been going to the CHCC health centers on their respective islands. However, adding on to the health centers' services and having them recognized as DVA-contracted outreach clinics will allow the medical centers to be part of the DVA's healthcare system and allow veterans on Tinian and Rota to avail of their veterans' benefits, such as the DVA covering costs of medical services.

Iakopo said Tuesday that he is still working closely with Robinson and that he continues to advocate for a DVA-CHCC partnership.

JGO Committee expects Dela Cruz to testify Nov. 16

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Board election in tomorrow's SCC meeting

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its monthly General Membership Meeting tomorrow, Nov. 3, 2021, at the Hyatt Regency Saipan Ballroom.

Guest speakers will be Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig, who will speak about the progress of projects under the American Rescue Act Plan and bout the government's new online system.

Another guest, Ray Muña of the Apprenticeship Program at the Northern Marianas College, will be speaking about how the program can offer training for employees related to their daily work, from soft skills to technical skills.

The Chamber will also be presenting its Professional Development Award, which is provided for members to encourage businesses to equip their employees with the skills needed to grow, thrive, and succeed.

There will also be a board of directors election. Four board of directors seats that will be filled by any of the six nominees this year. There are nine total seats that make up the board of directors.

Lunch will be served at 11:30am and the meeting will begin promptly at noon. The luncheon fee is $25/Chamber member and $35/non-member.

RSVP online at https://business.saipanchamber.com/events/calendar. To reserve or for six or more seats, contact the Chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email coordinator2@saipanchamber.com before 10am Wednesday. ***(PR)***

High surf seen until 6am today

A high surf advisory now in effect until 6am today, Tuesday. Large breaking waves of 7 to 9 feet are present in north-facing reefs of Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6am today, Tuesday. This will result in a high risk of rip currents.

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Guam and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, dangerous swimming and surfing conditions and localized beach erosion are expected. The public is advised to avoid venturing out toward north facing reefs. Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous surf conditions. ***(PR)***

Upcoming NMC info session postponed

Northern Marianas College's info session today for the college's Natural Resource Management program is postponed to a later date.

Individuals who would like to learn more about NMC's upcoming spring 2022 semester can visit the NMC website at www.marianas.edu or by emailing admissions@marianas.edu. The application deadline for new students is on Dec. 1, 2021.

New and returning students are also reminded of the following scholarship deadlines:

■ Free Application for Federal Student Aid: Dec. 2, 2021 (Students who have submitted a FAFSA for the fall 2021 semester do not need to re-submit one for the spring 2022 semester.)

■ Saipan Higher Financial Education Assistance: Dec. 1, 2021

■ CNMI Scholarship: Dec. 15, 2021

Those who need assistance with any of the applications can email the college's Financial Aid Office at fao@marianas.edu. ***(PR)***

Free webinar on federal contracting

The Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center is offering free live webinars this November. Webinars run from 10am to 11:30am and will be conducted via Zoom. Links to the live webinar and the webinar evaluation will be emailed to all registered attendees 15 minutes before the start of the webinar.

■ Nov. 4, 2021-Obtaining a DUNS & Registering in SAM-Vendors need a DUNS number and an active SAM registration to participate in Federal contracting. The Guam PTAC will take you through the registration processes for both these requirements. We will also show you how to complete the annual SAM registration renewal.

■ Nov. 10, 2021-Federal Contract Opportunities-SAM.gov is the portal for Federal Contract Opportunities. The Guam PTAC will show you how to use the website to ensure you do not miss any opportunities. Types of opportunities, search filters, and search strategies will be discussed.

To register visit: http://www.guamptac.com/news-and-events.php. ***(PR)***

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With Frances M. Dela Cruz still subject to the subpoena issued her by the House of Representatives Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee, the committee still expect her presence on Nov. 16 at 10:30am, according to committee chair Rep. Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan) last Friday.

In a letter to Dela Cruz's counsel, Viola Alepuyo, Babauta asked the lawyer to notify Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres' executive assistant by tomorrow, Wednesday, if she has any questions for concerns.

Babauta reiterated that they appreciate Dela Cruz's efforts to submit a written affidavit before the committee but noted that the affidavit was not responsive to the substance of several areas of concern in their subpoena. Babauta added that some matters were also raised in the affidavit that caused concern. She did not elaborate. Accordingly, she said, they have questions that will require Dela Cruz's presence in the House chamber.

Last Tuesday, Oct. 26, the committee decided to still request Dela Cruz to appear in the chamber, saying that her sworn affidavit is unsatisfactory and that members still have a lot of follow-up questions.

Babauta approved Rep. Donald M. Manglona's (Ind-Rota) motion to request for Dela Cruz, through Alepuyo, to appear before the committee at a time that suits committee members, Dela Cruz, and Alepuyo.

Manglona said that, based on Dela Cru's affidavit, there are still many questions that committee members would like to get clarification about and for Dela Cruz to expound on.

Babauta said that, as they have communicated many times to Torres' counsel, Ross Garber, to Alepuyo, and to Office of the Governor counsel Gilbert Birnbrich, written affidavits are no substitute for live testimony. "We cannot ask follow-up questions. The members of this body are unable to ask clarifying questions," she added.

In her recent letter to the JGO, Alepuyo noted that Dela Cruz is caught in the middle of this "unfortunate situation," but she continues to invoke her constitutional testimonial immunity and privilege, objects to the subpoena, and does not waive any constitutional rights she may now have or will have in the future.

Alepuyo said despite all this and in the spirit of compromise, Dela Cruz is providing an affidavit sworn under penalty of perjury responding to the six items in the subpoena served upon her.

In addition, if the JGO has any follow up questions, Dela Cruz welcomes a process to continue to protect her right while providing the committee the information it seeks, Alepuyo said.

11th Guam film festival celebrates 'New Voices'

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—The 11th annual Guam International Film Festival is set to begin Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 and will run every Friday and Saturday until Nov. 19, 2021.

This year, the festival will stream live online for free on the free PBS Video app every Friday and Saturday from 3pm to 7pm. GIFF 2021 will also be locally televised by PBS Guam on KGTF Channel 12. Specific dates and times for films can be found on each film's individual page on this website.

This year's film festival will feature the theme of "New Voices," centered around the emergence of new Pasifika artists and perspectives from within a rapidly changing global community.

Returning to lead the GIFF Grand Jury is head juror Dr. Tom Brislin of University of Hawaii at Manoa along with Gabrielle Kelly of the American Film Institute.

"Once again the jury has been given the difficult task of choosing from among a slate of excellent nominees. All are worth an enjoyable viewing by an audience fortunate to have the outstanding Guam International Film Festival bring such quality cinema into their homes this year," said Brislin.

The list of the GIFF 2021 honorees are:

■ **BEST NARRATIVE FEATURE:** TIONG BAHRU SOCIAL CLUB (Dir: Tan Bee Thiam, SINGAPORE)

■ **BEST NARRATIVE SHORT:** GEORGIA (Dir: Jayil Pak, SINGAPORE)

■ **BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE:** LAMAFA (Dir: Bon Ishikawa, JAPAN, INDONESIA)

■ **BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT:** MAWHIALEO OTE ALOWHA / OUR LOVE (Dir: Valeriya Golovina, NEW ZEALAND)

■ **BEST MADE IN THE MARIANAS:** KÅNTAN HERERU - A BLACKSMITH'S SONG (Dir: Sean Lizama, GUAM)

"The three finalists were diverse in style and subject matter, making the task of judging them in the same category quite challenging. Each was unmistakably creative, unique, and representative of the talent and quality of our community of storytelling visionaries. They were all a joy to watch," said Marie Calvo-Monge, one of the Made in the Marianas jurors.

Calvo-Monge, who is CEO of KUAM Communications/Pacific Telestations, was joined on the panel by Josie Moyer, contributing writer for the *New York Times* and international media specialist for the Guam Visitors Bureau, and Ina Carillo of BLUSH Boutique and BLU, and current general manager of the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corp. or as PBS Guam.

For more information regarding the festival, including film showtimes, visit www.guamfilmfestival.org. ***(PR)***

CLUSTERS

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Also, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. reported yesterday that six individuals have been confirmed positive and were identified through surveillance testing on Oct. 30 and 31 and Nov. 1. One other case—a traveler who tested positive on Oct. 23 and is still in quarantine—brings the CNMI's active cases to 28 in all.

These recent cases bring the CNMI's total to 318. CHCC said the six have been isolated and are now being monitored.

During a virtual news briefing yesterday, CHCC chief executive officer Esther L. Muña said the two clusters combine for 21 of the CNMI's most recent community cases of COVID-19.

Twelve positive individuals came from the first cluster, with its first case being a middle school student who was identified through school-based testing on Oct. 28. "Contact tracing led to the identification of multiple instances of household transmission to family members and close acquaintances in multiple households," Muña said, and the earliest onset of cases linked to this cluster dates back to Oct. 7, 2021.

All 12 from this cluster were household contacts to another case in the cluster, and all 12 are in isolation at the Kanoa Resort quarantine site. Close contacts who were identified in schools, workplaces, and households, along with their guardians, have been placed in quarantine at Kanoa as well, said Muña.

For this cluster, the first day of fifth-day COVID testing will take place on Nov. 2.

Nine positive cases came from the second cluster, with its first case being a staff member at a middle school who was identified through school-based testing on Oct. 28. Through contact tracing, transmission among family members in two different households and individuals at workplaces was identified. The earliest onset of cases linked to this cluster dates back to Oct. 20, 2021, Muña said.

All nine from this cluster were household contacts to another case in the cluster, and two of the nine were workplace contacts, said Muña. All nine from this cluster are in isolation at Kanoa, and all close contacts who were identified in schools, workplaces, and households, along with their guardians, have been placed in quarantine at Kanoa.

The first day of fifth-day testing for this cluster will take place on Nov. 2 as well.

Muña added that two incoming travelers, who tested positive on Oct. 23 and Oct. 29 respectively, are still in quarantine.

Besides Muña, taking part in yesterday's briefing included Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Governor's COVID-19 Task Force chair Warren Villagomez, and Stephanie Kern-Allely, who is a regional communicable disease epidemiologist for the Pacific Island Health Officers Association. Kern-Allely said that she was deployed to the CNMI to assist and provide epidemiology services.

In the CHCC news statement yesterday, CHCC reported that there have been 27 community cases since Oct. 28. Of the 27, 19 were identified through contact tracing, seven through community testing, and one through travel testing. So far, 2,505 COVID-19 tests have been conducted through travel and surveillance testing.

CHCC also reported that 24 of the 27 of the community cases thus far, or 89%, reported experiencing symptoms.

CHCC assures that its Communicable Disease Investigation/ Inspection team has already initiated contact tracing for those in contact with the most recent cases, and said "this effort will continue until all probable cases are identified and tested."

CHCC said that its contact tracers will reach out to contacts who are deemed high risk, and that the "associated risk of infection depends on the level of exposure, which will, in turn, determine the type of monitoring. Establishing the level of exposure can be difficult and requires investigation."

CAMACHO

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linan said that DPS is currently investigating the allegation.

"I do not have any details on this case, but we do have officers looking into the case," he said.

Saipan Tribune was told that an arrest warrant was issued late evening yesterday, but this could not be immediately confirmed as of 6pm press time, despite multiple attempts to confirm this with DPS.

According to a source who agreed to speak on condition of anonymity as the case is still under investigation, Koch, a 59-year-old man who works as the Commonwealth Ports Authority's master electrician, and his daughter were out on a walk near their residence in China Town around 11pm last Friday when they were allegedly attacked by Camacho and two other men.

Camacho denied this though. When asked about the matter last night, he denied assaulting Koch, saying the incident was the other way around and that he and his two sons were assaulted by Koch and they did jump on Koch but in order to subdue him.

In the source's version of the story, he claims that the two men, led by Camacho, allegedly jumped Koch from behind and started pounding the victim on the head. The victim's daughter, who reportedly witnessed the event, allegedly called out to Camacho who she referred to as "uncle," telling him to get off her father. That's when the Precinct 3 lawmaker and the other two men reportedly walked away.

It was learned that Koch, a cancer survivor, could not fight back as he was trying to protect the bladder bag attached to him so it would not be detached from his body during the incident.

Koch allegedly called the police to report the incident that same evening immediately after the beating and on Saturday, DPS detectives met him at his home to conduct and investigation.

In Camacho's version of the story, he claims that he was in the area because he was picking his son up from his cousin who is also the child's babysitter. Soon after, as he and his son were on the way to their car, he said they were confronted by Koch who had what seemed to be a whip with something sharp attached to it.

Camacho accused Koch of swinging the whip at his son, cutting his son, and he said did what he needed to do to defend his son.

It is believed that there was an altercation between Koch and Camacho's cousin, who is also Koch's brother-in-law, on the night of the incident.

He claims and he and his sons did not want to hurt Koch, and that they just wanted to subdue him until the police arrived.

"It just happened. We didn't try to hurt him. I can't do that. It was an unfortunate incident that I did not initiate. I did not assault him," the lawmaker said.

Camacho added that he called the police after the incident but did not file a complaint but he said he intends to do so now.

SABLAN

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party's nomination.

Sablan, 39, said she has spent the better part of her adult life advocating and fighting for good governance in the Commonwealth—as a legislator, as a journalist, as a citizen, and daughter of the Marianas.

"I am proud of our collective efforts to reorganize and mobilize the Democratic Party, and to push constantly for a government that is fair, ethical, responsive, and accountable to the people it serves," she said in her two-page letter of intent that she submitted to NMI Democratic Party chair Nola K. Hix.

Hix confirmed last night that she received Sablan's letter Sunday night. *Saipan Tribune* obtained a copy of the letter yesterday.

Hix disclosed that four others have already submitted their letters of intent to run as governor.

She said three submitted their letters of intent last Saturday, while one did so on Monday last week.

Hix said the party will be making their determination soon as to who will be their selected candidate for governor as the deadline to submit letters of intent was yesterday, Nov. 1.

She said the party will be announcing its choice of candidates this Thursday, Citizenship Day.

When asked who the four others are, Hix said it was agreed that all names would remain confidential, in the spirit of good sportsmanship and considering that only one candidate would be selected by the party.

In her letter of intent, Sablan said she is fully committed to the vision laid out in the Democratic Party platform of a "safe, just, healthy, and beautiful Commonwealth, where the rule of law prevails, prosperity is shared, and economic development raises the quality of life for all."

"And I am ready and willing to help lead our people to a more helpful and equitable future, as their governor and faithful public servant," Sablan said.

Last July 15, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres disclosed his intent to seek reelection. He later named Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan) as his running mate.

Last Oct. 21, Lt. Gov. Arnold Indalecio Palacios and Saipan Mayor David Mundo Apatang officially declared their candidacy as governor and lieutenant governor, respectively. They're currently running as independent.

CPA

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the task force and MVA in vetting whether or not we can welcome additional flights. We are still gathering more information, figuring out logistics and capacity and, until we have all the necessary data and information, we are holding off in making a decision," she said.

King-Hinds said Air Busan and Air Seoul have requested to launch their inaugural flight to Saipan by Nov. 23 or 24 but CPA wants to make sure it is in the community's best interest to approve new flights at this time.

"The two new airlines, Air Seoul and Air Busan, are proposing to come in around Nov. 23 and 24 for their inaugural flights. However, we want to make sure that we have the capacity to welcome those flights given the current situation. We are working with MVA to ensure that we continue to meet all mandates with regards to COVID protocols and that we have the capacity to welcome additional guests at this time. This is a highly fluid situation given the circumstances and we just want to make sure that we are doing the right thing for our community," she said.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, the Marianas Visitors Authority's tourism resumption program, or TRIP, cannot accommodate all the Travel Bubble participants interested in coming to the CNMI because there isn't enough room at the hybrid quarantine facility to accommodate all of them.

Because of the CNMI's growing popularity in South Korea as the only marketable destination and the safest destination to travel, bookings continue to grow in numbers every day and airlines have also started proposing to increase daily flights to Saipan due to the demand.

Two hotels have already submitted proposals, or have shown an interest in submitting a proposal, to serve as a hybrid quarantine facility but to date, MVA has yet to release the names of which hotel has submitted proposals.

With the proposals, the CNMI can expect its hybrid quarantine facility to expand by roughly up to 140 more rooms.

"As a result of these numbers, we need to take a long hard look at expanding the hybrid quarantine in order to keep up with the volume," said TRIP Korea chair Ivan Quichocho.

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3 Years after Yutu

Super Typhoon Yutu, a Category 5 storm with 177 miles-per-hour winds, sliced through the CNMI three years ago in the midnight hours between Oct. 24 and 25, 2018, leaving behind a devastated Marianas that was still recovering from a similarly catastrophic typhoon in 2015, Typhoon Soudelor, also a Category 5 storm.

Since then, with the help of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other government agencies, as well as several nonprofit organizations, the question still lingers: Where are we now? These articles try to provide some answers.

Virginia C. Villagomez, the Governor's Authorized Representative on Yutu, recalled that with Yutu's devastation, families lost their homes and the government lost critical infrastructure to power and water, airports and seaports accessibility, public schools and other public utilities.

Before Yutu's landfall, the government's first responders were activated ahead to provide emergency protective measures, ensuring that shelters were open and functional. Public transportations were activated and critical humanitarian supplies were made available and sufficient to cover three days of sustainability.

"These were unforeseen expenses the government incurred to provide public safety from the impending storm," she said.

Villagomez said the devastation and the magnitude of the damage were so significant after Yutu that stabilizing critical infrastructure services was estimated to take several months.

She said the government had to mobilize all available resources on the ground and from neighboring regions to clear access to public roads from debris necessary to make roads passable for emergency responders as well as the public.

Villagomez noted that the magnitude of the devastation exceeded their capacity and that they acknowledged that their partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Department of Defense who were prepositioned to the Commonwealth pre-landfall tremendously helped with the response coordination.

"The presence of our partners gave us assurance of the unexpected," she said.

Villagomez said the tyranny of distant in moving resources from abroad was challenging for the CNMI and its partners, knowing humanitarian relief supplies would be days away by flight and weeks or months away with shipping.

Relief supplies started to arrive as soon as ports became accessible for ships to dock and the runway was clear of debris for humanitarian flights to land.

Villagomez said all this coordination was tied to expenditures in which the government must provide for its non-federal cost share and more.

She said the impact of the disaster compounded, affecting businesses from the lack of export services and the tourism downturn. That resulted in the government's operating revenues being severely affected, prompting the government to drastically reduce its projected revenues by more than 50%. ***(With Ferdie de la Torre)***

CNMI awarded nearly half-a billion dollars in federal aid

- **$307.16M Public Assistance Program**
- **$80M Hazard Mitigation Projects**
- **$93M Disaster Loan**
- **FEMA completed, returned 134 new and repaired homes**

Villagomez

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Three years after Super Typhoon Yutu's massive devastation on Saipan and Tinian in October 2018, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has already awarded the CNMI a total of 234 project worksheets amounting $307.16 million under the Public Assistance Program and $80 million for Hazard Mitigation Projects throughout the Commonwealth, and received $93 million in Community Disaster Loan.

In response to *Saipan Tribune*'s request for updated information about the CNMI's recovery efforts after Yutu's destruction, Virginia C. Villagomez, the Governor's Authorized Representative on Yutu, said Friday that one example of the CNMI's recovery relates to housing infrastructure. She said eligible survivors were fortunate to have FEMAs Permanent Home Construction Program activated within 30 days of Yutu's destruction.

Under the PHC Program, eligible survivors will receive a fully concrete brand-new home equipped with typhoon shutters, a 420-gallon water tank and a generator hookup, while survivors eligible for a repaired home will receive a mitigated semi-concrete home equipped with typhoon shutters.

Villagomez said of the 288 homes to be delivered by late summer of 2022, FEMA has already completed and returned 134 new and repaired homes back to survivors—at no cost to them.

She said the PHC Program will ultimately provide a safe, sanitary, and secure dwelling for a lifetime.

Of the 288 homes lined up under the PHC Program, 266 homes are for eligible survivors on Saipan and 22 homes for Tinian.

On the $307.16 million under the Public Assistance Program, Villagomez said $89 million was awarded to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., $61 million to the Public School System, and $40 million to the Northern Marianas College for the repairs and replacement of damaged school and college facilities. The rest of the money was used for debris removal and emergency protective measures, road repairs, repairs and replacement of damaged public utilities, utilities infrastructure and damage to parks.

Villagomez said $40 million was also awarded to Homeland Security for emergency response, including the temporary classrooms at NMC and PSS, and $15.3 million to the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan.

On the $80 million for Hazard Mitigation Projects, Villagomez said project applications were submitted to FEMA for review, which included the underground power transmission from the Commonwealth Health Center in Garapan to CUC's Power Plant 1 in Lower Base, replacement of wooden power poles with concrete poles on Tinian and Rota, and other flood mitigation and storm shutter projects on Saipan.

As for the CNMI's $93 million Community Disaster Loan, Villagomez said this loan has already been forgiven by the federal government.

She said such a loan is available to state governments adversely affected by a major disaster and provides operational funding so they could continue to operate after a substantial loss of revenues caused by the disaster.

The CNMI received the loan on April 16, 2021. On Sept. 30, 2021, the U.S. Congress passed a bill to cancel or forgive all outstanding disaster loans issued prior to Sept. 30, 2021. On that same day, Sept. 30, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the House bill into Public Law 117-43.

Villagomez said FEMA's deputy director for Operations under the Public Assistance Division later confirmed the cancellation or forgiveness of the loan.

Moving forward and critical to the Commonwealth are its lifeline infrastructure, water, power, ports, hospital, communications, housing, and first responders, Villagomez said.

"We learned and gained from the experiences and worked our way toward improving our infrastructure [and] our systems," she said.

She said the CNMI's agility to act is critical as this will lessen the negative impacts. "Hence, we must cultivate the resources that became available to help shape our recovery," she added.

Villagomez acknowledged FEMA Region IX regional administrator Robert J. Fenton Jr. for his leadership and support to the Commonwealth and for the continued presence of FEMA representatives on the ground, ensuring that a home is delivered back to every eligible survivor.

Over 150 homes already restored

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Three years after Super Typhoon Yutu wreaked havoc in the CNMI in October 2018 and destroyed hundreds of homes, the Federal Emergency Management Agency reports that it has already helped restore over 150 homes since then.

According to Veronica Verde, external affairs officer at the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Voluntary Agencies Leading and Organizing Repairs program, which provided emergency repairs to homes damaged by Super Typhoon Yutu, ended in October 2020. By that time, FEMA had already repaired over 150 homes that were damaged in the typhoon.

Under the VALOR program, FEMA provided emergency repairs that included safe and secure roofs, restoring kitchen and bathroom facilities, reconnecting homes to code-compliant electricity, and supplied homes with necessary accessibility accommodations.

"At the conclusion of the program, 156 homes received emergency repair assistance through various Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster resources," she said.

Aside from the VALOR Program which dealt with specific home repairs, FEMA also had programs specifically to construct new, more resilient homes to those who completely lost theirs as a result of Super Typhoon Yutu. This program was called the Permanent Housing Construction program. The PHC program provides direct repairs or new homes to eligible survivors on Saipan and Tinian whose homes were damaged or destroyed by Super Typhoon Yutu.

As of October 2021, Verde said the program has already given 134 homes to the survivors and currently have 109 properties under construction.

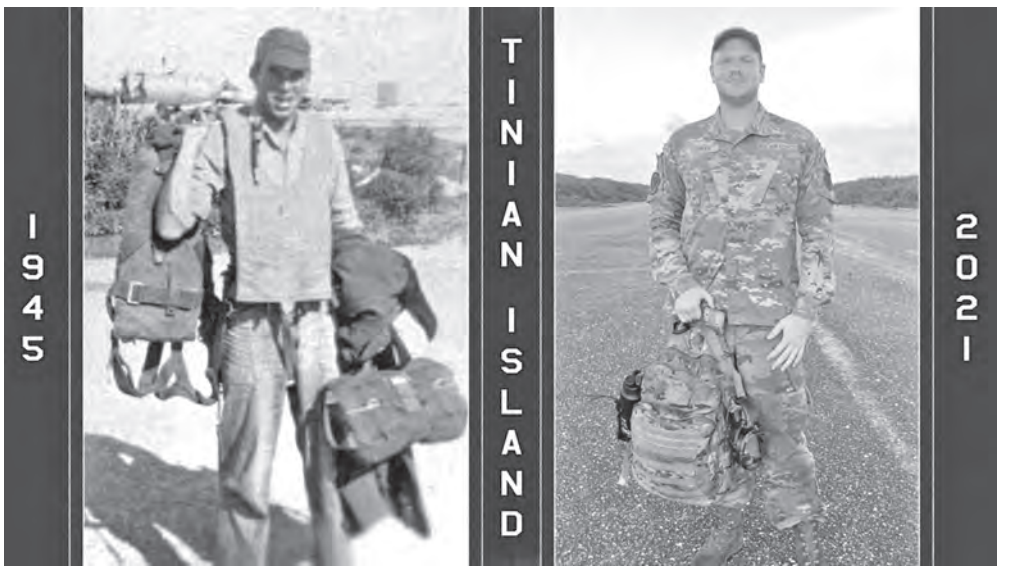
"Under the PHC program, a total of 134 homes had been restored: 88 homes from the PHC-Repair program and 46 homes from the PHC-New Construction program," she said.

Verde said FEMA has invested about $86 million in these programs that were meant to put families back in homes that are stronger and more resilient in case of future typhoons.

"FEMA's $86 million in mission assignments included oil and hazardous material removal, temporary power mission to help restore power in the CNMI and housing repair supplies provided to help repair homes quickly to get families back into their homes," she said.

Tinian: The opportunity of a lifetime

By STAFF SGT. AUSTIN SIEGEL
366TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS



U.S. Army Air Forces Sgt. Charles "Charley" Wilson, B-29 Superfortress tail gunner and flight engineer, left, pose for a photo on Tinian, August, 1945. U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Parker Dawson, electrical and environmental systems craftsman, 389th Fighter Squadron, right, recreates the photo of his grandfather as part of Operation Pacific Iron on Tinian last July, 2021.

U.S. AIR FORCE/STAFF SGT. AUSTIN SIEGEL

If someone walked up to you on the street and offered you $10 million to point out where Tinian is on a map and what its historical significance is, would you be able to do it?

If you can, congratulations, you're now a millionaire in this hypothetical situation. If not, here's your chance to learn about why this island is not only historically important, but also a special place for one airman.

Meet U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Parker Dawson, a 6-foot Electrical and Environmental Systems Craftsman stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. His responsibility is to inspect, troubleshoot and maintain a variety of systems on the F-15E Strike Eagle.

"My grandpa Charley and his crew were flying back from Japan after a bombing run and their bomb bay doors got stuck open, which created drag, making the airplane use significantly more fuel. This meant if they didn't find a way to close the doors, they would've run out of fuel and crashed into the Pacific Ocean, Dawson said. "So the crew rigged some cables together, grabbed my grandfather by his ankles as he held another guy by his ankles to make a human chain to manually close the bomb bay doors. …This is something you'd expect from a Tom Cruise movie, but this was just one of my grandfather's realities."

His desire to join the Air Force came specifically from his grandfather, Charles "Charley" Wilson, who served as a Boeing B-29 Superfortress flight engineer and tail gunner during World War II, eventually commissioning as an officer and retiring in 1984.

"My grandfather was a big part in my decision to join the military," Dawson said. "Originally I was going to join the Navy like my brothers did, but I moved halfway through the recruiting process and couldn't get a hold of the Navy recruiter, so I decided to follow in my grandfather's footsteps and become an airman."

Dawson's brother, Andrew, served in the U.S. Navy as an Aviation Electronics Technician and his other brother, Jamison, is currently serving in the Navy as an Engineering Duty Officer.

"Growing up, whenever my brothers and I spent time with our grandpa, he would always share stories of his trips all over the world, show B-29 videos and talk about this little place in the Pacific called Tinian," said Dawson.

He never thought he would get a chance to visit Tinian because of its remote location, but destiny had a special opportunity for Dawson.

"My section chief came to me in June and told me there's a TDY opportunity to this tiny island near Guam, but he couldn't quite pronounce it right, Tiny-ind? Tyne-iend? So I corrected him 'Tin-Knee-An' and my section chief was like how do you know that? I explained to him about my grandfather and told him I'll be mad if I don't go!"

An island in the western Pacific Ocean, Tinian is one of 14 islands that make up a U.S. territory called the Northern Mariana Islands. Located northeast of Guam and southwest of Saipan, Tinian is only 39 square miles, but proved to be one of the most valuable locations in the entire Pacific WWII campaign. After it was seized by the allies on Aug. 1, 1945, it became the largest allied and busiest air base of World War II with six active runways. The B-29 Superfortress, the same aircraft Dawson's grandfather worked on, was continuously launched from Tinian to strike mainland Japan. Two distinct atomic bombs, Little Boy and Fat Man, were loaded on Tinian, and after a 1,400-mile flight dropped on Japan, resulting in an almost immediate surrender.

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Dawson Parker, quality insurance inspector, 389th Fighter Squadron, inspects an F-15E Strike Eagle engine bay prior to engine installation on Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, Oct. 29, 2021.

U.S. AIR FORCE/STAFF SGT. AUSTIN SIEGEL

Dawson's once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the island that his grandfather once walked came because of an annual U.S. Air Force exercise, called Operation Pacific Iron, which is a large-scale exercise over several different areas in the Pacific, including Tinian.

"I was so excited to visit the places my grandpa talked about in his Tinian stories! I recreated versions of the photos we have of him on the island, and I even visited some of the places like this old power plant he used to talk about," Dawson said. "Unfortunately, my grandfather passed away in 2017 so I couldn't share this moment with him in person, but I feel like this was my way of honoring a man who made a big difference in my life, and always taught my brothers and I to be curious about the world."

A U.S Army Air Forces B-29 Superfortress crew pose in front of their plane on Tinian in August 1945, left. U.S. Air Force maintainers from the 366th Fighter Wing pose on top of an F-15E Strike Eagle as part of Operation Pacific Iron on Tinian last July 2021. Tinian was the largest allied airbase of World War II with six active runways and key to strategic air superiority in the Pacific.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOSEPHA PANGELINAN DELOS SANTOS, Decedent.) Civil Action No.: CA-21-0275) NOTICE OF HEARING) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ALL HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES AND CREDITORS OF: JOSEPHA PANGELINAN DELOS SANTOS, DECEASED.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petition by John DLR Gonzales for the issuance of letters of administration of this estate will be heard before the Honorable Joseph N. Camacho, Associate Judge, on the 2nd day of December, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at NMI Superior Court Room 220, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

For further particulars, please refer to the Petition on file herein, or contact counsel for Petitioner, Joey P. San Nicolas, P.O. Box 10,001 PMB 602, Saipan, MP 96950; telephone (670) 234-7659 and email jpsn@sannicolaslaw.net.

Pursuant to Rule 21, NMI R. Prob. P., notice is hereby given to all creditors of the decedent, JOSEPHA PANGELINAN DELOS SANTOS, or of her estate, that they must file their claims with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated this 12th day of October, 2021.

Hon. JOSEPH N. CAMACHO
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: VERTILIA ELENA CAMACHO LEON GUERRERO, Decedent.) Civil Action No.: CA-21-0286 - CV) NOTICE OF HEARING) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO: ALL HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES AND CREDITORS OF: VERTILIA ELENA CAMACHO LEON GUERRERO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the petition of Tina Marie Leon Guerrero-Camacho for the issuance of letters testamentary will be heard before the Honorable Joseph N. Camacho, Associate Judge, on the 2nd day of December 2021, at a10:00 am., at Room 220, Superior Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, Susupe Village, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

For further particulars, please refer to the Petition on file herein, or contact counsel for Petitioner, Joey P. San Nicolas, P.O. Box 10,001 PMB 602, Saipan, MP 96950; telephone (670) 234-7659 and email jpsn@sannicolaslaw.net.

Pursuant to Rule 11, NMI R. Prob. P., notice is hereby given to all creditors of the decedent, **VERTILLIA ELENA CAMACHO LEON GUERRERO**, or of his estate, that they must file their claims with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2021.

Hon. JOSEPH N. CAMACHO
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ELPHIDIA CAMACHO SABLAN, Decedent.) Civil Action No.: CA-21-0288) NOTICE OF HEARING) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO: ALL HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES AND CREDITORS OF: ELPHIDIA CAMACHO SABLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the petition of Pamela C. Sablan for the issuance of letters of administration will be heard before the Honorable Joseph N. Camacho, Associate Judge, on the 2nd day of December, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Room 220, Superior Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, Susupe Village, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

For further particulars, please refer to the Petition on file herein, or contact counsel for Petitioner, Joey P. San Nicolas, P.O. Box 10,001 PMB 602, Saipan, MP 96950; telephone (670) 234-7659 and email jpsn@sannicolaslaw.net.

Pursuant to Rule 11, NMI R. Prob. P., notice is hereby given to all creditors of the decedent, **ELPHIDIA CAMACHO SABLAN**, or of her estate, that they must file their daims with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this Notice, or the daims will be forever barred.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2021.

Hon. JOSEPH N. CAMACHO
Associate Judge

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Joe I. Quitugua Petitioner -vs- Haiyan Huang Respondent) FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-0382) SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the Court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 505122, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, Judgment by Default may be taken against you for relief in the Complaint.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2021.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CURRENCY EXCHANGE SERVICES
FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Project No.: CPA-RFP-001-21
CPA Concession No.: SCX-2021-01

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (the "CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposals (the "RFP"), and other contract provisions, for proposals from firms, companies, and/or corporations for currency exchange services at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. This concession is for the exclusive right to offer currency exchange, travel insurance, and other related services as applicable, including, but not limited to, the sale and purchase of foreign currency banknotes, drafts, money transfer, travelers check, and any other travel related products that are not related products precluded by other concessionaire agreements in the Airport.

The RFP will be issued and available for pick-up beginning **October 07, 2021**, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, at the Administration Office, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport. CPA offices are closed on holidays. The RFP includes layouts and requirements. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and/or all costs that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project. Prospective proposers will be required to pay a non-refundable administrative fee of $50.00 for costs associated with handling and consideration of the proposal. Payments are accepted in the form of cash, credit card, and certified cashier's checks made out to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Questions and/or clarification concerning this project shall be in writing and sent to the attention of the Executive Director through email at cpa.receptionist@pticom.com with copy to Joy Ann Tenorio at joy.tenorio@cnmiports.com no later than **October 25, 2021.**

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: **"RFP TECHNICAL SUBMISSION: CONFIDENTIAL; CONCESSION NO. SXC-2021-01."** One (1) original and three (3) copies of the technical proposal must be submitted no later than **2:00 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time, November 18, 2021**, to the Authority Administration Section, Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport. Proposals are not required to include a prepaid minimum concession fee. Proposers that submit proposals deemed to be Sufficiently Acceptable pursuant to the terms of this RFP will be invited to submit Price Bids and will be notified of the time, date, and location for submittal of such Price Bids.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so, would be in CPA's best interest. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

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Can Congress pass commonsense legislation?

Most of what we hear about Washington these days is how dysfunctional it is, and the reputation is well earned. We are in an era when political power and absolutist ideology have become far more important to prominent politicians than actually passing legislation that might prove helpful to the American people.

But there is a more nuanced side to the story. Important things still happen in Washington, and many members of Congress actually do want to get something done for their country rather than their political party.

Among those pieces of legislation is a little noticed bill that Sen. John Cornyn and a Democratic colleague introduced recently that soared through the body on unanimous consent. The bill would give states much more flexibility in how to spend funds the federal government provided under the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan.

Billions of dollars went unused, as states didn't have enough places to put money that was intended for pandemic relief.

Under the bill Cornyn co-sponsored with Sen. Alex Padilla, D-Calif., eligible governmental entities could spend the greater of $10 million or 30% of their unspent relief funding on infrastructure, disaster relief, housing, community development and other matters.

In Texas, that amounts to $9.6 billion in funds that could be redirected to projects that can lift up communities. In California, it's $14.5 billion.

Across the country, tens of billions of dollars that might be misdirected toward unnecessary spending on anything the states can label as COVID-19 relief could instead be spent on bridges, roads, carbon reduction programs and a host of other things the nation needs.

We have supported the Biden administration's plan to spend more than $1 trillion on restoring American infrastructure, even as we have raised concerns about the president's much larger and nebulous spending package.

As things stand, the infrastructure bill, which has bipartisan support, is bogged down with progressives' demand that it's all or nothing.

We hope that Cornyn's more modest, commonsense bill doesn't fall victim to the same fate. There is no state in the union that couldn't put some of the COVID-19 relief money to better use now. Every senator, Republican or Democrat, recognizes that. Will the House have the sense to let good legislation happen?

We can't say we are optimistic it will happen. We can only say it needs to happen.

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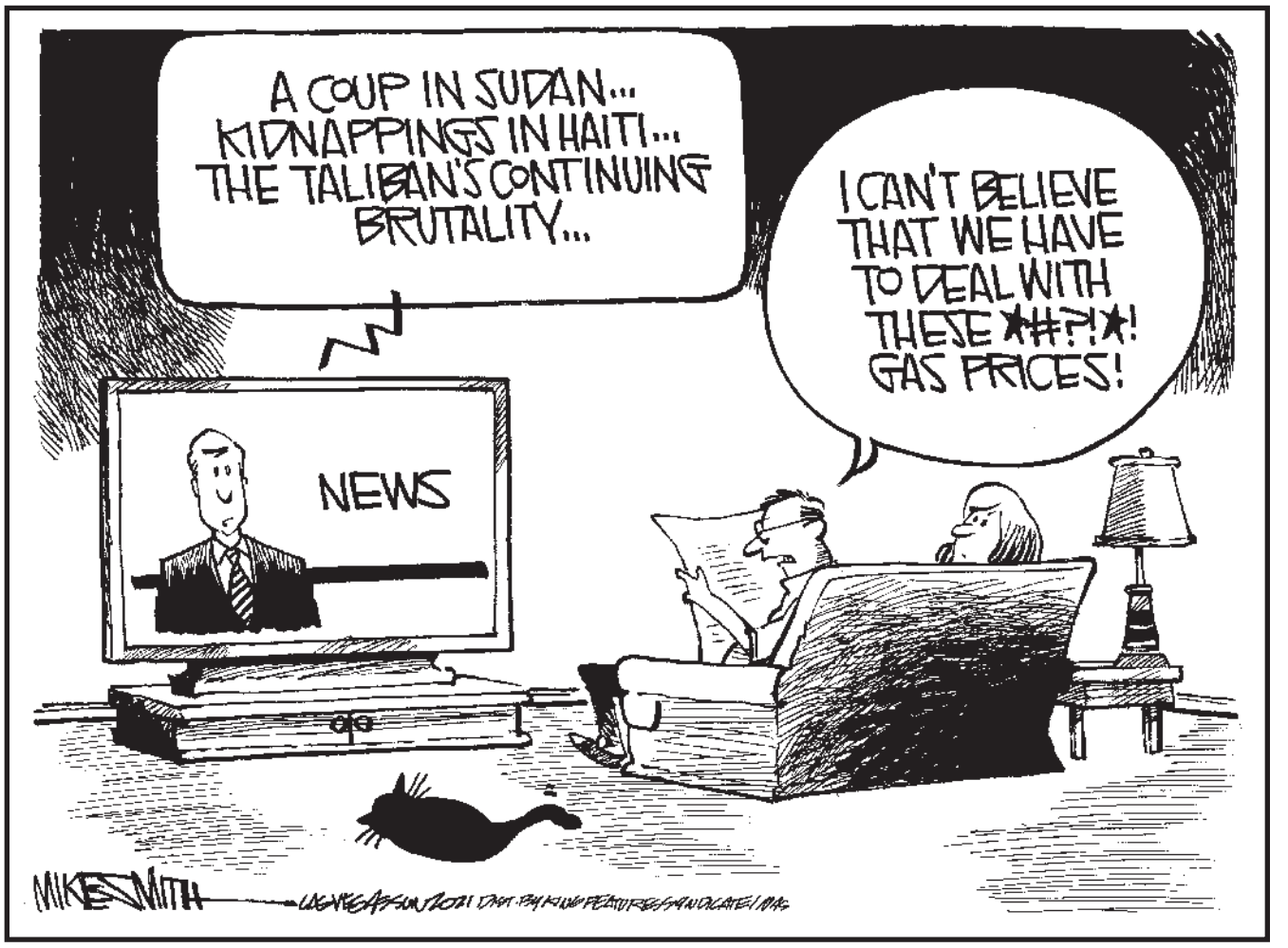
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The federal bench has a staggering lack of LGBTQ judges

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Today in California, where about 100 judges preside in federal trial and appellate courts, just two are openly LGBTQ. LGBTQ Californians make up over 5% of the state's adult population and over 11% of the state's youth. Yet there is only one openly LGBTQ judge among the state's 74 federal district court judges and only one among the 9th Circuit's 29 active appellate judges. It's time for our two senators and President Joe Biden to address this lack of diversity on the bench.

Every day, federal judges make decisions that affect our lives in important ways. They determine the breadth of our fundamental rights, ensure fairness in criminal proceedings and occasionally make decisions that change the course of history.

While the federal courts strive to be above the fray, their decisions are often viewed through the lens of partisan politics. But even when judicial decisions may be unpopular, they have more credibility when they are made by a judiciary that reflects the nation's full diversity.

Though someone must lose in nearly every court case, what is critical is that everyone feels that they had their "day in court"—that their arguments were heard and fairly considered. But it's hard for people to have that faith when the bench lacks the perspective of a marginalized community that has frequently been denied equal rights under the law.

Many LGBTQ people who interact with the judicial system do not feel they have equal access to justice. Studies in a number of states, including California, have consistently shown that LGBTQ litigants, witnesses and jurors report negative interactions with the court system, including prejudicial comments and actions toward LGBTQ people. How they are treated and the negative things they hear in courtrooms, as well as who they see—or don't—on the bench change courtroom culture and the perception of justice.

Beyond the issue of public trust in the legal system, diversity also improves decision-making. Research from the business world documents that having diverse teams in general can lead to more factual, careful and creative decisions. LGBTQ-supportive policies and workplace environments lead to better job commitment and satisfaction, workplace relationships, health outcomes and productivity among LGBTQ employees, all victories for organizations.

And research has specifically shown that diversity in the judicial decision-making process affects the development of the law. One study of outcomes in civil rights cases found that plaintiffs were twice as likely to prevail if a female judge was on the appellate panel hearing the case, indicating that even if the panel was majority male, male judges were likely to view a case differently if one female judge participated in the deliberations.

Indeed, despite the common portrayal of lone judges proclaiming from the bench, the law is actually shaped over time by many judges in conversation with one another. Whether considering precedent written by other judges, reviewing the decisions of lower courts in the appellate courts or collaborating on panels, judges do not work in isolation.

Just as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg referenced her experience as a 13-year-old girl to evaluate the harm caused by a strip search of a female student while at school, and Justice Sonia Sotomayor's approach to police stops has been informed by hearing her brother get "the talk" that Black and brown parents routinely give their sons, LGBTQ judges will also bring their life experiences to the collaborative process that decides cases and develops the law.

Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla have supported diversifying the federal bench in California this year, and the president has nominated an exceptional group of racially and ethnically diverse candidates from California to "ensure that the nation's courts reflect the diversity that is one of our greatest assets as a country," as a White House statement recently noted. And yet that statement did not name or celebrate any out members of the LGBTQ community.

During the previous administration, the Senate confirmed 226 of President Donald Trump's nominees to the federal bench, reshaping the courts for years to come. The Biden administration has been working to make the federal courts look more like America. Feinstein and Padilla should use future recommendations to address the stark underrepresentation of LGBTQ Californians on the federal courts.

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Rampant online cheating is the dark side of remote learning

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Since there seems to be an app for everything, it may come as no surprise that there is an app for cheating. But it isn't just one app. It's hundreds of companies and apps that actually can be used to complete students' homework, tests, writing assignments and even dissertations and exams.

But what surprised me most as an educator playing this cat-and-mouse game for decades is that cheating is now scaled and outsourced internationally and powered by venture capitalists, Wall Street investors and billion-dollar companies. One of the biggest companies whose services enable students to cheat, Chegg, is facing a lawsuit filed in September by major textbook company Pearson.

Companies such as Chegg and Course Hero offer monthly subscription formats—similar to Netflix—in which students pay $10 or $15 a month for round-the-clock access to resources including exam questions, textbook solutions and homework "help," meaning that subscribers can upload a problem to their accounts and expect answers with proof within minutes or the hour. They also get on-demand access to many experts, often based overseas (Chegg employs more than 70,000 experts in India), with advanced degrees in math, science, engineering, technology, business, economics and other subjects. These experts, available online 24/7, are the source of step-by-step answers.

Companies such as Grade Bees and EduBirdie will even write your five-page reflective paper or 25-page essay, as original work, for varied prices. English-speaking writers from around the world are for hire, in some cases within days or even hours. Some sites and guides let the student know that their relationship will be closely guarded, and no, the student's professor should not be able to find out, at least not under the right precautions.

Cheating is so rampant that Stanford University's Graduate Student Council recently announced it had approved revisions to its academic honor code to allow test proctoring. If the changes go through, they will represent the first revision to the code since 1977, according to the student newspaper. Reported honor code violations there went up 114% in the last two years.

Multiple news stories have chronicled widespread cheating in colleges and universities, particularly in the STEM fields. This year, stories in Forbes, The Wall Street Journal and U.K. publications including Education Technology have spotlighted the growth and profits of public companies such as Chegg.

Chegg reported 4.9 million subscribers as of the end of June, a 31% year-over-year increase, and $198.5 million in quarterly revenue, also a 30% year-over-year increase. Among its many services is a way for cheaters to leap over the hurdle of problem-solving questions, in which students are asked to show how they got their answers. Chegg's experts on demand can personally answer the subscriber's unique test or homework question.

As an unintended consequence of technology allowing remote learning and exams, students are finding more and more online venues allowing them to earn grades and diplomas by cheating.

How do we curb this global supply chain of cheating and its threat to the integrity of our students and educational systems?

The answer depends on the motivation behind the decision to cheat. Some students don't think of it as cheating, as they are paying a legit company for the service; many feel pressured to get the grades and so justify the means. Other students may use these services to make up for the learning lost when in-person teaching was halted during the pandemic.

Many students who are cheating dodge academic consequences, as there are few technology solutions to capture original answers provided by experts, and plagiarism-catching software can't detect original work bought and paid for by these students.

However, in 2020, Australian lawmakers made it illegal to arrange or advertise for sale certain cheating services such as paid essay writing. Did it have an effect? According to Forbes contributing writer Derek Newton, many of the biggest and best-known essay mills are ending operations there. But even then, fear of getting caught is probably not enough motivation to stop all cheating students.

Another action that should be aimed at contract cheating companies is getting Visa and PayPal to stop acting as payment intermediaries for them. And professors and their universities could join the Pearson lawsuit, though that may be a step too far for most risk-averse institutions of higher education.

Countering this cheating requires a coordinated effort by educational institutions and their accreditors, with accreditation agencies possibly changing online professional entrance exams to prevent cheating. Fields such as engineering, science and nursing will lose in the long run if newly minted students cheat their way into the professions.

Indeed, our society loses the most from this cheating in plain sight. Cheating corrupts the individual who cheats, yes, but it also erodes the faith we have in our educational system, its honest graduates and the people we depend on to build tech that truly serves human interaction, decision making and achievement.

The left is losing the world's culture wars

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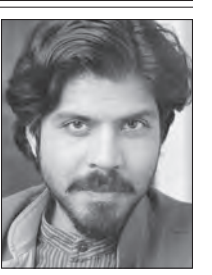

Five years ago, demagogues waging a culture war against metropolitan elites and minorities broke into mainstream politics in Britain and the United States. The result was Brexit and the election of Donald Trump. Eric Zemmour's meteoric rise as a challenger to French President Emmanuel Macron confirms that vicious culture wars have become central to the West's major political democracies.

More disturbingly, liberals and progressives invested in economic and social progress are too disunited and distracted by factional struggles to effectively combat these prophets of decline and vendors of ethnic-racial regeneration. The heartlands of Western democracy are thus becoming increasingly dysfunctional and the language of majoritarianism is taking over public discourse.

Convicted twice by French courts for inciting racial hatred, Zemmour believes that France is being swamped by Muslims and that an unpatriotic media "constantly spits" on French history and culture. Solicited by Macron himself for his views on immigration during the shift of French political culture to the right, Zemmour has been lately buoyed by his appearances on France's version of Fox News. Even if he doesn't become president, he has already played the crucial role British firebrand Nigel Farage performed in U.K. politics: consolidating voters behind white nationalism and forcing established parties to cater to them.

What does this convergence of governing styles with demagoguery across France, the U.K. and the U.S. reveal? For one, the traditional political categories and constituencies of left and right have dissolved.

In recent months, for instance, while old-style Tories have looked on aghast, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has radically remade the Conservative Party for a more desperate and ideologically promiscuous era. Proposing to raise corporate taxes, he's offering voters a quasi-socialist program of lavish public spending in what he calls "one of the most imbalanced societies and lopsided economies."

Much like Trump, Johnson works with the intuition that today the most crucial political division exists between those who benefited from three decades of hectic globalization—largely well-educated, urban classes—and those who didn't. Elections, it seems, will be won by those who can secure sufficient votes among the left-behind.

The mainstream political parties that once advanced economic and social liberalism—Democrats and Republicans in the U.S., socialists and center-rightists in France, and the Conservative and Labour parties in Britain—have been struggling since the financial crisis of 2008 to heal disaffection in their societies. Amid widespread perplexity, mercurial and often fringe figures such as Trump, Johnson and Zemmour have short-circuited party-political processes to rally older voters in suburbs, towns and rural areas.

None of these impresarios have any coherent plan to make their nations great again. But then, thoughtful economic policy does not seem adequate to voters gripped by existential fears. Unabashed supremacists have found in culture wars—essentially, baiting of racial and ethnic minorities and their allegedly "woke" patrons among metropolitan elites, as well as chest-thumping about national, racial and civilizational glory—a dependable political resource.

Entrenched through false promises and rousing slogans ("Take back control!" "Build the wall!"), this radicalized political culture is hard to uproot, as can be seen in the current struggles of President Joe Biden with the toxic legacy of Trumpism.

The most flexible and ingenious forces shaping politics today seem to be on the right, while the traditional liberal-left opposition is in disarray. Some of the ideas of the progressive left discarded during three decades of triumphant neo-liberalism have reappeared in the policy prescriptions of the Biden administration. But the left, confined to academia and small sectors of the political, media and think tank establishment, cannot begin to match the institutional bulk and ideological reach of the right.

There is no left version of Fox News, or indeed left media platforms that approximate the vast echo chambers of the right. Nor do liberals and leftists have any rousing ripostes to the right's emotional invocation of region and country, any galvanizing symbols to match the freshly potent myths of national and racial glory.

Liberals, upholders of an international order, cannot persuasively lip-sync white-nationalist bromides against immigrants, refugees and Muslims. Self-declared "centrists" have taken to blaming the "woke" left for their own political failures. But raucous blame-games that credit leftists with more influence than they have distract from the real forces polluting public and private spheres with conspiracy theories and vile prejudices.

The implications are grim: The right in the U.S., U.K. and France is ruthlessly defining the parameters of political cultures, while liberals and leftists squabble among themselves. Zemmour probably won't be the last demagogue to push Western democracy further down the road to majoritarianism.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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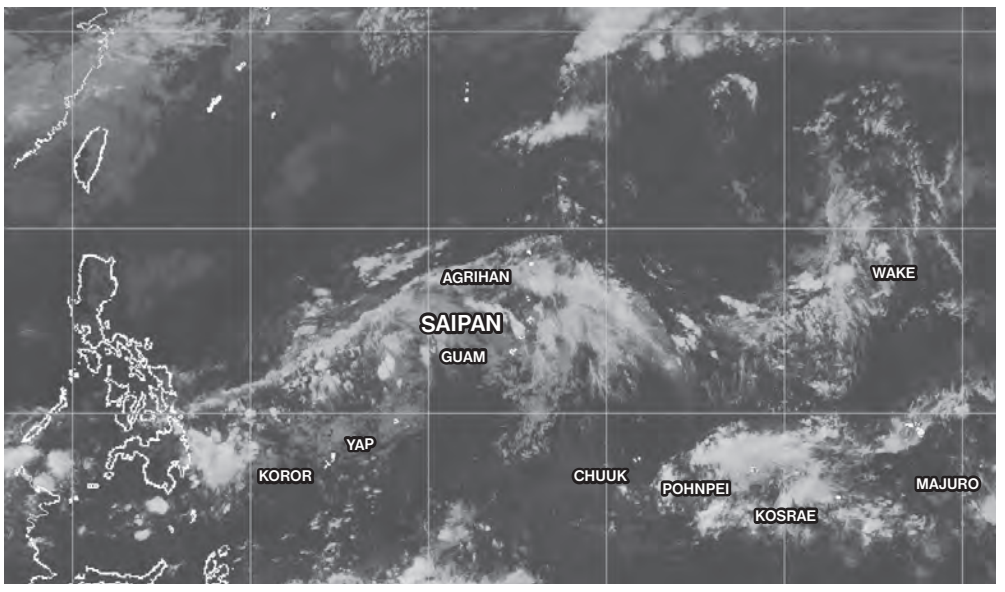
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers and a few thunderstorms moving through the Marianas Waters. The Ipan buoy reveals combined seas of 5 to 7 feet composed mainly of a northeast swell, which is likely the remaining north swell from former Typhoon Malou after it has wrapped around the island.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	83° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	86° / 81°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Wednesday	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Thursday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM
Friday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM
Saturday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	3:21 AM	3:53 PM	-
Wednesday	4:17 AM	4:35 PM	-
Thursday	5:15 AM	5:20 PM	-
Friday	6:16 AM	6:08 PM	-
Saturday	7:20 AM	7:00 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	64° / 61°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	61° / 36°
Hong Kong	Sunny	82° / 72°
Honolulu	Thunderstorms	85° / 72°
London	Partly Cloudy	59° / 45°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	69° / 56°
Manila	Showers	88° / 79°
Melbourne	Cloudy	61° / 46°
Miami	Mostly Sunny	79° / 73°
New York	Mostly Cloudy	56° / 52°
Osaka	Sunny	64° / 48°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	61° / 46°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	68° / 55°
Rome	Sunny	68° / 45°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	75° / 54°
San Francisco	Sunny	60° / 51°
Seoul	Showers	64° / 48°
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	68° / 54°
Washington, DC	Cloudy	56° / 51°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
5:09 AM	High Tide	1.55
11:23 AM	Low Tide	0.27
5:49 PM	High Tide	1.91
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STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	7:20am	8:05am	2, 4, 6
UA117	9:50am	10:35am	1, 3, 5, 7

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

UA183	8:00pm	9:50pm	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	7:20am	9:50pm	2, 4, 6 via Guam
UA117/183	9:50am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via Guam

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

7C3406	3:10PM	6:55PM	6
TW9308	3:20PM	8:00PM	4
OZ6243	4:00PM	7:40PM	6

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA116	5:30am	6:16am	2, 4, 6
UA174	8:00am	8:46am	1, 3, 5, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

UA184	10:40pm	4:30am+1	2, 5
UA184	10:55pm	4:45am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174	10:40pm	6:16am+1	5 via Guam
UA184/174	10:40pm	8:46am+1	2 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55pm	6:16am+1	1, 3 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55pm	8:46am+1	4, 6, 7 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3405	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
OZ6233	9:00AM	2:30PM	6
TW9307	10:00AM	2:20PM	4

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1205	11:00	11:15	Daily
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily
1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

Business

DUE TO POTENTIAL HEALTH RISKS

Select Philips Respironics products are recalled

The Office of the Consumer Counsel is alerting the public and healthcare providers in the Commonwealth of a recall of certain Philips Respironics products due to potential health risks.

The polyester-based polyurethane sound abatement foam, which is used to reduce sound and vibration in these affected devices, may break down and potentially enter the device's air pathway, causing the user to inhale or swallow the debris.

If you own one of the following affected devices, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recommends the following:

- Speak to your healthcare provider immediately;
- Stop using the device;
- Use another similar device that is not part of the recall;
- Use alternative treatments for sleep apnea, such as positional therapy or oral appliances;
- Initiating long-term therapies for sleep apnea, such as losing weight, avoiding alcohol, stopping smoking, or, for moderate to severe sleep apnea, consider surgical options.
- If you do not have an alternative, and your healthcare provider determines that the benefits outweigh the risks, continue to use your device.

The affected devices are:

CPAP AND BIPAP DEVICES

Continuous Ventilator Minimum Ventilatory Support, Facility Use:

- Model E30

Continuous Ventilator, Non-life Supporting:

- DreamStation ASV
- DreamStation ST, AVAPS
- SystemOne ASV4
- C-Series ASV
- C-Series S.T and AVAPS
- OmniLab Advanced+

Non-continuous Ventilators:

- SystemOne (Q-Series)
  - ❖ DreamStation
  - ❖ DreamStation Go
  - ❖ Dorma 400
  - ❖ Dorma 500
  - ❖ REMSTAR SE Auto

VENTILATORS

Continuous Ventilators

- Trilogy 100
- Trilogy 200
- Garbin Plus, Aeris, LifeVent

Continuous Ventilator, Minimum Ventilatory Support, Facility Use

- A-Series BiPAP Hybrid A30 (not marketed in the US)
- A-Series BiPAP V30 Auto

Continuous Ventilator, Non-life Supporting

- A-Series BiPAP A40
- A-Series BiPAP A30

For more information contact assistant attorney general Hunter Hunt of the Office of the Consumer Counsel at the Office of the Attorney General at (670) 237-7500. You may also send an email to consumer_counsel@cnmioag.org. ***(PR)***

Docomo Pacific offers all-new iPhone lineup

TAMUNING, Guam—Docomo Pacific, a regional leader in innovation, telecommunications, and entertainment, offers the best-ever lineup of iPhone, including the innovative and elegant iPhone 13 Pro, iPhone 13 Pro Max, iPhone 13, and iPhone 13 mini.

Redesigned inside and out, iPhone 13 Pro and iPhone 13 Pro Max introduce the most advanced pro camera system ever on iPhone, Super Retina XDR display with ProMotion, improved battery life, the Apple-designed A15 Bionic chip with 5-core GPU, and an advanced 5G experience. iPhone 13 and iPhone 13 mini feature the most advanced dual camera system ever in iPhone and the powerhouse A15 Bionic chip in a sleek and durable design.

iPhones are available in-store on a first come, first serve basis. For complete pricing and availability details, visit www.docomopacific.com/shop/mobile/phones.

"Docomo Pacific is Guam and Saipan's only 5G network, making it the natural choice for Apple's new iPhone 13 models, all with an advanced 5G experience, beautiful design, and unparalleled new camera system," said Frank Cruz, director of Product Management at Docomo Pacific. "With our NOW program [that] allows you to spread out device payments over several months and our renewed Trade-In program, you can truly realize the fastest speeds for the most value in the Marianas. Discover the best-ever iPhone 13 lineup at any one of our 7 retail locations."

Featuring an advanced 5G experience with more 5G bands, the iPhone 13 lineup works in more places on 5G for greater coverage and performance. Available in four stunning finishes—graphite, gold, silver, and the all-new sierra blue— iPhone 13 Pro and iPhone 13 Pro Max, introduce an all-new Super Retina XDR display with ProMotion featuring an adaptive refresh rate up to 120Hz, making the touch experience even faster and more responsive. They also introduce the best battery life ever on iPhone with iPhone 13 Pro Max, lasting up to two and a half hours longer in a day than iPhone 12 Pro Max, a new storage capacity of 1TB, and are protected by the Ceramic Shield front cover, tougher than any smartphone glass. With new Ultra-Wide, Wide, and Telephoto cameras, the pro camera system gets its biggest advancement ever capturing stunning photos and video, powered by the Apple-designed A15 Bionic. These technologies enable impressive new photo capabilities like macro photography on the new Ultra-Wide camera and up to 2.2x improved low-light performance on the new Wide camera, and new computational photography features like Photographic Styles to personalize the look of images in the Camera app, and Night mode on all cameras. Video takes a huge leap forward offering Cinematic mode for beautiful depth-of-field transitions, macro video, Time-lapse and Slo-mo, and even better low-light performance. Both models also offer end-to-end pro workflows in Dolby Vision, and for the first time, ProRes, only available on iPhone.

The next generation iPhone 13 and iPhone 13 mini feature a beautiful design with sleek flat edges in five gorgeous new colors—pink, blue, midnight, starlight, and red. Both models feature major innovations including the most advanced dual-camera system ever on iPhone—with a new Wide camera with bigger pixels and sensor-shift optical image stabilization offering improvements in low light photos and videos, a new way to personalize the camera with Photographic Styles, and Cinematic mode, which brings a new dimension to video storytelling. Equipped with the Apple-designed A15 Bionic, iPhone 13 and iPhone 13 mini also boast super-fast performance and power efficiency, longer battery life, a brighter Super Retina XDR display that brings content to life, incredible durability with the Ceramic Shield front cover, double the entry-level storage at 128GB, an industry leading IP68 rating for water resistance, and an advanced 5G experience.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

China's economy slows as Beijing wrestles with debt

BEIJING (AP)—China's economic rebound from the coronavirus pandemic is stalling as President Xi Jinping's government cracks down on surging corporate debt. For a decade, the ruling Communist Party has talked about shifting to economy based on spending by 1.4 billion consumers instead of on building factories and apartments. But with each slowdown, Beijing fell back on pepping up growth with more construction and borrowing. Finally, Xi's government is confronting the problem by clamping down on borrowing by a real estate industry that supports millions of jobs. That is sending shockwaves through the economy. Businesses and households are jittery as housing sales and construction slump. That is chilling auto and retail sales. It has possible global repercussions as China buys less steel and other building materials.

American Airlines cancels hundreds of weekend flights

DALLAS (AP)—American Airlines canceled hundreds of flights Sunday for a third straight day as it struggled with staffing shortages and upended weekend plans for tens of thousands of travelers. By late afternoon Sunday, American had canceled more than 900 flights—one-third of its schedule for the day—after scrapping nearly 900 flights over the previous two days, according to tracking service FlightAware. A spokeswoman for American said the airline expects considerable improvement starting Monday, although there will be "some residual impact from the weekend." By Sunday afternoon, American had already canceled more than 100 Monday flights, according to FlightAware.

Moderna: FDA delaying decision on its shot for adolescents

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—U.S. regulators are delaying their decision on Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine for 12- to 17-year-olds while they study the rare risk of heart inflammation, the company said Sunday. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration told the company Friday evening that its review could last until January, Moderna said. The company also said it will delay filing a request for emergency-use authorization of a lower dose of the vaccine for 6- to 11-year-olds.

BAB now has unlimited drinks in buffet

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You can now have bottomless soft drinks, hot tea, or coffee, while enjoying BAB Korean Restaurant's all-you-can eat buffet.

The Korean restaurant along Beach Road in Garapan has included unlimited drinks to its smorgasbord menu that consists of japchae, kimchi, Korean pork and chicken barbecue, and shabu-shabu, to name a few.

Dante Conlu, who handles marketing and promotions for the Garapan restaurant, said they're offering their buffet with unlimited drinks for just $21.99 for adults and $12.99 for children.

"We…want to make your dining experience more complete. …It's our way of saying 'thank you' for our customers' loyalty these past few months," he said.

Diners who opt for the restaurant's all-you-can eat buffet can start with banchan before grilling their favorite meats—unmarinated or marinated pork or chicken, followed with a hot shabu-shabu chock full of protein, noodles, and vegetables—all washed down by your favorite beverage.

BAB Korean Restaurant has also teamed up with Coca-Cola Beverage Co. (Micronesia), Inc. to offer a free 300ml bottle of Coca-Cola or Sprite for every $20 purchase at its Cup BAB drive-thru.

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BAB Korean Restaurant's all-you-can-eat banchan.

A $20 purchase also entitles customers to a loyalty card where every $20 purchase gets you a stamp. Eight stamps entitle customers to a free item from its Cup BAB menu.

Since introducing its dinner buffet last April, the restaurant has seen its number of dine-in customers increase, Conlu said, but its number of drive-thru customers continues to be steady. He said their takeout-only standalone location in San Jose, Cup BAB, is still thriving more than eight months after it opened.

"The popularity of our drive-thru menu and Cup BAB has resulted in us adding more and more items to the menu. In fact, we now have 18 Cup BAB items," he said.

BAB Korean Restaurant also reminded private companies and government agencies to book their Christmas party at their facility as early as possible. Conlu said their reservation list for Christmas parties usually fill up fast because not many restaurants have space for over 100 diners. He said before the implementation of COVID-19 restrictions, the restaurant can comfortably sit over 200 customers.

BAB Korean Restaurant is located at the old Caesar's Sauna building along Middle Road in Garapan. It's open Monday-Sunday from 5m to 9pm with Sunday lunch buffet from 11am to 2m. Cup BAB drive-thru at both locations are from 10am to 9pm. For reservations and for more information, call 233-4222 (Garapan) and 235-4222 (San Jose) or contact them on their Facebook page: BAB Korean Restaurant.

Nation

Biden winds up G-20 summit with dings at Russia, China

ROME (AP)—President Joe Biden wrapped up his time at the Group of 20 summit on Sunday trying to convince Americans and the wider world that he's got things under control—and taking Russia, China and Saudi Arabia to task for not doing enough to deal with the existential threat of climate change.

Biden's overall take on his efforts: On climate change, he's got $900 billion planned for renewable energy, and Congress will vote this coming week. On supply chains, he has plans to make the ports run better and tamp down inflation. For workers, he's building an economy with pay raises. On diplomacy, world leaders trust him.

But he also acknowledged what he can't yet achieve: bringing Russia, China and Saudi Arabia to the table with the broader international community to limit carbon emissions and move to renewable energy.

In a news conference Sunday, the U.S. president spelled out his belief that all politics is personal and that what progress was achieved at the Rome summit came from direct interactions with other leaders.

"They know me. I know them," Biden said of his fellow G-20 leaders. "We get things done together."

"We've made significant progress and more has to be done," Biden added. "But it's going to require us to continue to focus on what Russia's not doing, what China's not doing, what Saudi Arabia's not doing."

For all the challenges confronting him, the president attempted to stay optimistic. As Biden departed the news conference, he offered a thumbs up when asked if West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin and Arizona Sen. Kyrsten Sinema—key Democratic votes—were on board with his $1.75 trillion spending package for families, health care and renewable energy. The president also shrugged off his recent decline in the polls, saying that numbers go up and down.

As for the potential significance of Biden's thumbs-up on congressional negotiations, White House deputy press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, said, "As the President said during the press conference, he is confident we are going to get this done and the thumbs up was simply a visual restatement of that."

Biden

But the policy issues also seemed to fade for Biden when asked about his time Friday with Pope Francis. The president became deeply emotional, his hands appearing to fiddle with the mask he wore as a precaution because of COVID-19. He spoke of how the pope comforted the Biden family in a Philadelphia airport hangar after the death of his son, Beau, in 2015.

"When I won, (Pope Francis) called me to tell me how much he appreciated the fact that I would focus on the poor. focus on the needs of people who are in trouble," Biden said. "He is everything I learned about Catholicism from the time I was a kid going from grade school to high school."

The president did leave the G-20 with commitments by his fellow leaders on a global minimum tax that would make it harder for large companies to avoid taxes by assigning their profits to countries with low tax rates. He announced new funding to improve ports and shipping, in addition to a conference next year on supply chains. He patched up differences with the European Union on tariffs and differences with France on the sale of a nuclear-powered submarines to Australia.

The president met Sunday with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, whose office said the meeting was held in a "positive atmosphere" despite tensions over human rights and Turkey's purchase of a Russian missile system, among other issues.

Biden heads Monday to the U.N. climate summit in Scotland, where he'll once again face questions about whether the world's wealthiest are doing enough to stop the warming of the Earth by moving away from fossil fuels. The president on Sunday dismissed the contradiction that he's fighting for climate change while also asking oil-rich countries to increase their production in order to lower gasoline prices for U.S. commuters.

"The idea that we're not going to need gasoline for automobiles is just not realistic," Biden said. "It has a profound impact on working-class families, just to get back and forth to work. So I don't see anything inconsistent with that."

White House press secretary Psaki says she has COVID-19

WASHINGTON (AP)—White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Sunday she has contracted COVID-19 and is experiencing mild symptoms.

Psaki, 42, said she was last in contact with President Joe Biden on Tuesday, when she met him in the White House, where they were more than 6 feet apart and wearing masks. Biden, who is tested frequently, last tested negative on Saturday, according to the White House.

Psaki

Psaki did not accompany Biden on his trip abroad to Rome this weekend for the Group of 20 summit and Glasgow, Scotland, on Monday for a U.N. climate summit.

Psaki had planned to travel with the president but scrapped the trip just as he was set to depart for Europe after learning that members of her household had tested positive for COVID-19.

"Since then, I have quarantined and tested negative (via PCR) for COVID on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday," Psaki said in a statement. "However, today, I tested positive for COVID."

Psaki, who is fully vaccinated, said she is only exhibiting mild symptoms.

"While I have not had close contact in person with the President or senior members of the White House staff since Wednesday—and tested negative for four days after that last contact—I am disclosing today's positive test out of an abundance of transparency," Psaki said.

White House staff and others traveling with the president have been undergoing daily tests for COVID-19 since before departing Washington and are all fully vaccinated. Many officials have also received booster shots, due to the close-quarters environment and frequent travel associated with their work.

Biden got his COVID-19 booster on Sept 27, shortly after federal regulators approved the third dose for many Americans.

Biden has been accompanied on the trip by principal deputy press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre. Psaki said she would return to work in person at the conclusion of a 10-day quarantine and following a negative rapid test.

Two New York City Police officers patrol a busy intersection on Main Street in Flushing, a largely Asian American neighborhood, Tuesday, March 30, 2021, in the Queens borough, N.Y. AP

Mayor: 9 in 10 NYC workers vaccinated as deadline nears

NEW YORK (AP)—Nine in 10 New York City municipal workers received COVID-19 vaccinations as a Monday deadline loomed under a city mandate, according to Mayor Bill de Blasio.

De Blasio tweeted Saturday night that 91% of city workers had received the vaccine, which represented a jump from about 83% as of Friday night.

Under a city mandate, those who haven't received at least one dose of the vaccine will be put on unpaid leave starting Monday, raising the possibility of shortages of police, fire and EMS workers. New York has more than 300,000 employees.

The police department, which employs about 36,000 officers and 19,000 civilian employees, reported an 84% vaccination rate as of Sunday morning, while the fire department said Sunday afternoon that 80% of its employees were vaccinated—75% of firefighters, 87% of EMTS and 90% of civilian employees.

Fire Commissioner Daniel Nigro denied reports that some firehouses had been closed due to shortages.

"The department has not closed any firehouses," Nigro said in a statement Sunday morning. "Irresponsible bogus sick leave by some of our members is creating a danger for New Yorkers and their fellow firefighters. They need to return to work or risk the consequences of their actions."

City officials have considered various measures to deal with an expected staffing shortfall Monday.

The fire department has said it was prepared to close up to 20% of its fire companies and have 20% fewer ambulances in service while also changing schedules, canceling vacations and turning to outside EMS providers to make up for expected staffing shortages.

De Blasio said the sanitation department will move to 12-hour shifts, as opposed to the usual 8-hour shifts, and begin working Sundays to ensure trash doesn't pile up.

Potential jurors see racism behind Ahmaud Arbery's slaying

BRUNSWICK, Ga. (AP)—People questioned during jury selection about the killing of Ahmaud Arbery have said he was "racially profiled" by the white men who chased and shot him, singled out "due to his color" and targeted for being "a Black person who was thought to have been stealing things."

The statements came in response to blunt questions about race from prosecutors and defense attorneys who are trying to seat an impartial jury for the trial over Arbery's death in the coastal Georgia city of Brunswick. The inquiries elicited some pointed responses.

"The whole case is about racism," one woman, identified only as potential juror No. 199, said Thursday in the courtroom. She said the three men charged with murder "hunted him down and killed him like an animal."

Another prospective juror, No. 72, told the attorneys: "If it was a white guy running through the neighborhood, I don't think he would have been targeted as a suspect."

The comments could signal trouble for defense attorneys, who have often argued for the dismissal of potential jurors who see Arbery as a victim of racial prejudice. Several of them, including No. 199 and No. 72, have been deemed qualified by Superior Court Judge Timothy Walmsley to remain in the pool from which a final jury will be chosen.

"It could be devastating for the defense," said Michael Schiavone, a Savannah criminal defense attorney who isn't involved in the case. "I would be very skeptical that they could be fair after they told me their opinion."

Under Georgia law, potential jurors are not automatically disqualified for showing up with preconceived opinions about a case, as long as they pledge to set those opinions aside and remain fair and impartial while hearing the trial evidence. Walmsley has repeatedly cited that standard.

Greg McMichael and his adult son, Travis McMichael, armed themselves and pursued Arbery in a pickup truck after spotting the 25-year-old man running in their neighborhood on Feb. 23, 2020.

Asia

Man with knife injures 17 on Tokyo train, starts fire

TOKYO (AP)—A man dressed in a Joker costume and brandishing a knife stabbed at least one passenger on a Tokyo commuter train before starting a fire, injuring passengers and sending people scrambling to escape and jumping from windows, police and witnesses said.

Emergency workers and police officers on the scene at a train station in Tokyo, Sunday Oct. 31, 2021. AP

The Tokyo Fire Department said 17 passengers were injured, including three seriously. Not all of them were stabbed and most of the other injuries were not serious, the fire department said.

The attacker, whom police identified as 24-year-old Kyota Hattori, was arrested on the spot after Sunday's attack and was being investigated on suspicion of attempted murder, the Tokyo metropolitan police department said Monday.

The attacker, riding an express train headed to Tokyo's Shinjuku station, abruptly took out a knife and stabbed a seated passenger—a man in his 70s—in the right chest, police said. Injury details of other 16 passengers are still being investigated, police said.

Police said he told authorities that he wanted to kill people and get the death penalty. Nippon Television said he also said that he used an earlier train stabbing case as an example.

Witnesses told police that the attacker was wearing a bright outfit—a green shirt, a blue suit and a purple coat—like the Joker villain in Batman comics or someone going to a Halloween event, according to media reports.

A video posted by a witness on social media showed the suspect seated, with his leg crossed and smoking in one of the train cars, presumably after the attack.

Tokyo police officials said the attack happened inside the Keio train near the Kokuryo station.

Television footage showed a number of firefighters, police officials and paramedics rescuing the passengers, many of whom escaped through train windows. In one video, passengers were running from another car that was in flames.

NHK said the suspect, after stabbing passengers, poured a liquid resembling oil from a plastic bottle and set fire, which partially burned seats.

Shunsuke Kimura, who filmed the video, told NHK that he saw passengers desperately running and while he was trying to figure out what happened, he heard an explosive noise and saw smoke wafting. He also jumped from a window but fell on the platform and hurt his shoulder.

"Train doors were closed and we had no idea what was happening, and we jumped from the windows," Kimura said. "It was horrifying."

The attack was the second involving a knife on a Tokyo train in three months.

In August, the day before the Tokyo Olympics closing ceremony, a 36-year-old man stabbed 10 passengers on a commuter train in Tokyo in a random burst of violence. The suspect later told police that he wanted to attack women who looked happy.

While shooting deaths are rare in Japan, the country has had a series of high-profile knife killings in recent years.

ASIAN BRIEFS

South Korea eases social distancing to soften economic blow

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)— South Korea on Monday began to allow larger social gatherings and lifted business-hour restrictions on restaurants in what officials described as the first step toward attempting to restore some pre-pandemic normalcy. The capital area has been under the country's strongest social distancing measures short of a lockdown since July. Citing pandemic fatigue and economic concerns, officials had eased the measures in mid-October to allow for gatherings of up to eight people if at least four were fully vaccinated. Under the changes starting Monday, the limit on private social gatherings in the capital, Seoul, and nearby metropolitan areas was raised to 10 people and 12 in other regions, regardless of whether participants are fully vaccinated or not.

New Zealand strait crossed for first time by electric plane

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)— As he made history by becoming the first person to fly across New Zealand's Cook Strait in an electric plane, Gary Freedman thought it only fitting that the first thing he saw when approaching the Wellington coastline was the rotating blade of a wind turbine producing renewable energy. Freedman's 40-minute solo flight in the small two-seater came 101 years after the first person flew a conventional aircraft over the body of water that separates the South Pacific nation's two main islands. Monday's flight was aimed at drawing attention to the possibilities of greener flying and timed to coincide with the opening of a pivotal U.N. climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland.

Japan's Kishida wins mandate, though economic agenda unclear

TOKYO (AP)— Prime Minister Fumio Kishida says Japan should revitalize its economy through "new capitalism." Many in this avidly capitalist country are puzzled over exactly what he has in mind. Kishida has said he believes a more equal distribution of wealth is needed to prevent the world's third largest economy from sinking into stagnation. That sounds dramatic, but analysts say he doesn't stand for drastic change. The conservative, pro-U.S. and pro-business Liberal Democratic Party, which has ruled Japan almost continuously since World War II, won a better-than-expected 261 seats Sunday in the lower house of Parliament, comfortably exceeding the 233 seats needed and giving Kishida a mandate, at least for now.

World

MEXICO EXPLOSION
Destroyed homes and vehicles are seen after a series of explosions at a neighborhood in Puebla, Mexico, Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021. Officials say an illegal tap on a gas line is apparently to blame for the early morning explosions that killed at least one person and injured more than a dozen, destroying dozens of homes and causing the evacuation of some 2,000 persons. AP

WORLD BRIEFS

G-20 make mild pledges on climate neutrality, coal financing

ROME (AP)—Leaders of the world's biggest economies agreed Sunday to stop funding coal-fired power plants in poor countries and made a vague commitment to seek carbon neutrality "by or around mid-century" as they wrapped up a Rome summit before the much larger United Nations climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland. While Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi and French President Emmanuel Macron described the Group of 20 summit as a success, the outcome disappointed climate activists, the chief of the U.N. and Britain's leader. The U.K. is hosting the two-week Glasgow conference and had looked for more ambitious targets to come out of Rome. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson called the G-20's commitments mere "drops in a rapidly warming ocean." U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres agreed the outcome was not enough.

Trains crash after England derailment; injuries reported

LONDON (AP)—Two passenger trains crashed after one of them derailed in the southern English city of Salisbury, and several people were injured, authorities said Sunday. Network Rail said the rear carriage of a passenger train derailed after "striking an object" as it approached the station at Salisbury, about 70 miles (113 kilometers) southwest of London. The derailment "knocked out all of the signaling in the area," and a second train then collided with the derailed one. "There are reports of injuries and the emergency services are on site along with railway first responders," Network Rail said. The British Transport Police said there were no fatalities. The police force said "a number of people" were injured in the crash, but it did not give details.

Brazil experiments with body cams to reduce deaths by police

SAO PAULO (AP)—For years, Carlos Minc, a Rio de Janeiro state lawmaker, pushed to make body cameras mandatory in all law enforcement agencies. And for years, his proposal languished in Rio's legislature. Then came the city's deadliest police operation. On May 6, hundreds of police with armored vehicles stormed the working-class Jacarezinho neighborhood at dawn, ostensibly to capture suspected criminals. Instead, they left behind 28 corpses, all of them local residents. Even in a city used to violent policing, the episode was stunning. Minc says the bloodshed helped muster support to pass the bill just days later. The state has accepted tender for 22,000 cameras, though it's not yet clear when officers in Rio will start to use them.

North Macedonia PM announces resignation after election loss

SKOPJE, North Macedonia (AP) — Prime Minister Zoran Zaev announced his resignation late Sunday following the heavy defeat of his governing Social Democratic Union in North Macedonia's local elections. "The responsibility for this outcome is mine and I'm resigning as prime minister and as leader of the Social Democratic Union," Zaev said at a news conference at party headquarters. Although official results were not yet in from the local elections, Zaev conceded defeat in the most important contest — the mayor's race in the capital, Skopje, with incumbent Petre Shilegov losing to a center-right backed challenger, Danela Arsovska. Arsovska will become the capital's first ever woman mayor. Candidates supported by the main opposition party, the center-right VMRO-DPMNE, appeared set to win at least half of the country's 80 municipalities, with the Social Democrats set to win fewer than 20. At the last municipal elections, in 2017, the Social Democrats won 57 contests and VMRO-DPMNE only five.

Cave-in catches Brazilian rescue team; 9 dead, 1 injured

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP)—Members of a rescue team practicing techniques in a Brazilian cavern were caught in a cave-in Sunday, and nine were killed and one was hospitalized with minor injuries, the Sao Paulo Fire Department said. Twenty-seven people were taking part in the training when part of the Duas Bocas cave collapsed, trapping 16 of them, the fire department said. The cave is near the city of Altinopolis, some 300 kilometers (200 miles) north of Sao Paulo city.

Overdrive

Head-turning Kia Sportage gets bigger, more high-tech

The 2023 Kia Sportage has a 2.5-liter I-4 engine paired with new 8-speed automatic transmission. KIA/TNS

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The Kia Sportage is getting new plumage.

The Korean brand's made-in-Georgia compact SUV gains a radical remake for its fifth-generation model with a stylish exterior and interior screens that rival luxury automakers. Previously one of the smallest utes in class, the 2023 Sportage leapfrogs the competition to boast the biggest backseat in class.

Based on the same platform as cousin Hyundai Tucson—which has also turned heads—the Sportage's headliner is a curved, hoodless, 25-inch instrument display that stretches across the dash like one in a Mercedes. Following in the footsteps of Kia's sexy Stinger sport sedan and the wildly popular Telluride three-row SUV, the Sportage continues the automakers' assault on the U.S. market with some of the most talked-about mainstream vehicles of the last few years.

"The tremendous success formula of our current stable of SUVs has been infused into every ounce of the new Sportage, transforming it into a leader of the pack with its cutting-edge design, adventurous capability and desirable in-car technology," said Kia North America CEO Sean Yoon.

With 84,343 in sales, Sportage was the brand's second-best selling vehicle in 2020 after the Forte compact sedan. As consumers have gobbled up SUVS, so has Kia shifted its lineup's focus to the Telluride, Sorento—and now Sportage—SUVs, imbuing them with off-road flavor made popular by Jeep models.

Likely starting around $26,000 with familiar trims like EX, SX and SX, the Sportage will offer more adventure-oriented X-Pro and X-Pro Prestige models. The latter, for example, offers all-terrain tires to complement its increased-by-1.5 inches ride height (8.3 inches total) for when the asphalt ends.

The Sportage ups its game for a class that has seen overland entries in recent years like the Ford Bronco Sport and Toyota RAV4 TRD. As governments force electrification, Kia said that the Sportage will soon offer a hybrid model.

Kia's Telluride is one of the most distinctive SUVs on the road and the Sportage aims to get tongues wagging with its own knockout face. The brand's "tiger nose" design occupies nearly the entire fascia—bracketed by huge, "boomerang" LED running lights that push the headlights to the front corners.

The boomerang lights run across the hood line setting up muscular shoulders that run to distinctive "notch-shaped" taillights—integrated by a thin, Audi-like black graphic across the tailgate.

The luxury-inspired forms reach their summit inside with the Sportage's dramatic, panoramic screen that connects the 12.3-inch instrument and 12.3-inch infotainment displays. The screen is standard on upper SX (likely starting in the mid-$30k range) and X-Pro trims. The form, pioneered by Mercedes and Cadillac Escalade, has been adopted most recently by the Hyundai Ioniq 5 electric car.

A second touchscreen above the console is designated for climate controls similar to Audi's design. More console innovation includes cup holders that can come apart if the space is needed to hold something larger like a phone or tablet.

Taking a page from big brother Telluride, the front seatbacks house USB ports and an integrated hook for shopping bags. Best-in-class, 41.3 inches of legroom follows behind the front seats as Sportage grows by 7.1 inches with a 3.4-inch longer wheelbase. That stretch enables best-in-class, 39.6 cubic feet of cargo space under the hatchback.

In keeping with competitors, the Kia offers standard Android Auto and Apple CarPlay phone connectivity on all trims, a phone app (compatible with smart wrist watches) for remote monitoring of the car, WiFi connectivity for up to five devices and available wireless charging.

Electrics are the new, new thing, but the Sportage insulates the engine compartment from the cabin for a quiet drive experience. Power is provide by a 2.5-liter, 187-horse four-banger common to Hyundai products.

The rugged X-Line and X-Pro trims come standard with all-wheel-drive for Michigan's unruly winters. Blacked-out mirrors, roof rack and window surrounds distinguish the X-line trim along with 19-inch wheels. The X-Pro goes further with B.F. Goodrich all-terrain tires, matte-black wheels, heated windshield, two-tone roof and multiple drive modes.

GM partners with dealers to install 40,000 EV Level 2 chargers

By KALEA HALL
THE DETROIT NEWS

DETROIT—General Motors Co. is partnering with dealers to ramp up the installation of electric vehicle charging stations as it prepares to put more battery-powered cars and trucks on the road.

Through the Dealer Community Charging Program being revealed Tuesday, GM will work with dealers to get up to 40,000 Level 2 chargers installed across their communities starting in 2022. The charging stations will be available to all EV users—not just GM customers. The program is part of GM's plan to invest about $750 million on charging infrastructure through 2025.

GM also revealed Tuesday a new line of three Ultium-branded Level 2 "smart charging stations" that customers can buy through dealerships or online. Ultium is also the brand name for GM's new EV platform, propulsion components and charging ecosystem.

Expanding charging options is viewed as crucial for increasing consumer adoption of EVs, which GM needs to meet its goal of selling 1 million EVs globally by 2025.

"The goal here is really to get chargers in those communities that otherwise wouldn't have them," said Alex Keros, lead architect of EV infrastructure.

GM plans to give its about 4,500 dealers in the U.S. and Canada up to 10 Ultium Level 2 charging stations apiece for installation in their communities. The automaker said it will help dealers "apply for incentives, funding and access to programs to help expedite the deployment of local EV charging."

"The notion is that dealers and the site host would work together to get it installed," Keros said.

GM and charging partner EVgo last year announced they would install 2,750 chargers in 40 metropolitan areas by 2025. More than 100 have been installed so far in eight states, Keros said.

GM's new Ultium chargers for residential and commercial use, developed with charging specialist CTEK, include:

- An 11.5 kilowatt/48-amp smart charger
- An 11.5 kW/48-amp premium smart charger
- A 19.2 kW/80-amp premium smart charger

All three have WiFi and Bluetooth and can be upgraded by over-the-air updates with automatic download capabilities. The premium models include a customizable touchscreen and an embedded camera.

Users can set a charging schedule, review charging habits and historical charging sessions, and receive charging status through the GM vehicle brand mobile apps.

The first Ultium chargers will ship early next year. Pricing will be released closer to when the chargers go on sale; GM said they will be priced competitively. Customers can include the cost in their GM Financial lease or financial contracts.

New Nissan Rogue is a game-changer

By DAN NIELSEN
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When early SUVs hit the road, they took it on the chin for having a truck like presence with ladder frames and a choppy ride. Many wore rounded fenders and stretch back front ends.

Fast forward to the 2021 Nissan Rogue makeover featuring interior and exterior re-designs, and you guessed it, a new boxier design front and back. Go figure.

The new look has a premium appearance though and it is highlighted with active grille shutters, 3-D tire deflectors, underbody covers and rear spoiler.

With improved driving dynamics, Nissan believes they have another hit since the popular compact model debuted in 2008. We agree but wish more oomph was under the hood to prop up mediocre acceleration.

Pros: Handsome looks, high tech interior, roomy cabin

Cons: Upper trims pricey, pokey, noisy engine

Sole engine is a four-cylinder direct injection with 181 horsepower, producing a like amount of torque. An electronic shifter has a manual mode. In our independent testing, the new Rogue reached 60 miles per hour from a dead stop in 8.3 seconds, trailing key rivals' Honda CR-V and Toyota RAV4.

Rogue is available in four trim levels: S, SV, SL and Platinum. Front wheel drive is standard and all-wheel-drive is an available option for each at $1,400. Base prices range from the mid-$20s to just under $40 large, slightly more than rivals. The mid-range SV is the best choice for cost effectiveness with an array of options including 18-inch wheels, power adjustable driver's seat, full range camera system and ProPilot—Nissan's semi-autonomous driving system.

Our Platinum tester was given high fives by family and friends lauding its rich leather interior, quilted seats, digital dashboard, ambient lighting and oversize navigation screen. They also commented on its roomy back seat and large cargo area easily holding four oversize golf bags.

Controls are intuitively placed and redundant manual knobs make radio tuning a breeze without drilling down in pull-downs. A bi-level dashboard makes additional room for storage while an available three-zone climate control offers passengers their preferred temperature.

Connectivity is made easy with wireless Apple CarPlay however the same cannot be said for wired Android Auto—curious in that more than half of cell phones are the latter.

In highway travel, once up to speed, the Rogue offers a compliant ride with precise steering, firm braking and little body roll. While it lacks in passing power, the Rogue delivers a smooth ride with 19-inch alloys and suspension that absorbs most pavement irregularities.

Nissan's Pro-Pilot Assist combines numerous safety tech gear to keep you safe in most driving conditions although disclaimers keep the driver uppermost in control.

The list is lengthy with emergency front and rear braking with pedestrian detection, rear cross traffic alert, blind spot warning, lane departure warning, adaptive cruise control that works with navigation to slow the vehicle prior to upcoming curves in the roadway.

With the redesign, be sure to include the new Rogue in your short list of test drives along the RAV4, CR-V, VW Tiguan, Kia Sportage and Hyundai Tucson.

Life & Style

Zayn Malik pleads no contest to harassing Gigi Hadid, mom

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. (AP)—Musician Zayn Malik has pleaded no contest to charges that he harassed his girlfriend—supermodel Gigi Hadid—and her reality TV star mother during a violent Sept. 29 argument at the family's home outside Philadelphia.

The former One Direction singer was accused of grabbing Yolanda Hadid and shoving her against a dresser, according to court documents. Malik engaged in "continuous cursing" at Yolanda Hadid, the documents said, calling her an "f——— Dutch slut" and telling her to stay away from his daughter.

Malik, 28, also told Gigi Hadid to "defend your partner against your f——— mother in my house," according to charging documents filed in Bucks County. He also tried to fight a man, whom TMZ identified as a security guard, who was also at the house, the documents said.

Malik entered a plea to four summary counts of harassment Wednesday. The plea means that Malik refused to admit guilt but accepted the punishment.

A judge sentenced him to 90 days of probation on each count, or nearly a year total. He must complete an anger management class, and be screened for and "if approved," complete a domestic violence program. He was also ordered to have no contact with Yolanda Hadid or the man. Probation could be lifted in six months if Malik satisfies the conditions, according to documents.

Singer Zayn Malik appears at the Clive Davis and The Recording Academy Pre-Grammy Gala in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Feb. 11, 2017, left, model Yolanda Hadid appears at a book signing for her memoir "Believe Me" in New York on Sept. 13, 2017, center, and model Gigi Hadid appears at the Daily Front Row Fashion Media Awards in New York on Sept. 9, 2021. AP

Malik addressed the charges on Twitter, writing that he "agreed to not contest claims arising from an argument I had with a family member of my partner's who entered our home while my partner was away several weeks ago." He complained the case had been leaked to the media and called it a "private matter."

A representative for Gigi Hadid issued a statement to People magazine that said she "asks for privacy during this time."

Malik and Gigi Hadid, 26, have a 1-year-old daughter together. The couple had been dating off-and-on for several years. She has become one of the world's most in-demand models and he was the first to leave One Direction to strike out as a solo artist.

In 2nd weekend, 'Dune' bests 'Last Night in Soho,' 'Antlers'

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AP FILM WRITER

After a record-breaking start, October's box office closed out quietly this weekend with "Dune" repeating at number one and two prominent genre newcomers, " Last Night in Soho " and "Antlers," stumbling.

Whether it's due to Halloween falling on a Sunday, too many new options or simply a lack of enthusiasm, moviegoing audiences seemed to have other plans this weekend. Notable exceptions are the latest "My Hero Academia" and the new Wes Anderson pic "The French Dispatch."

First place still went to the bigger budget and wider release Timothée Chalamet film. In its second weekend in theaters, "Dune," which is also available on HBO Max, grossed an additional $15.5 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. Although down a steep 62% from its debut, the ticket sales were enough to give it one more week atop the North American charts.

With a production budget of $165 million (not including marketing and promotion), "Dune" has now grossed $69.4 million in North America and $292.1 millon globally. Warner Bros. and Legendary last week confirmed plans to go ahead with a sequel that is expected to open exclusively in theaters in 2023.

"Halloween Kills," in its third weekend, placed second with $8.5 million. The penultimate film in this modern trilogy has now grossed $115.1 million globally.

'She was my friend'—Alec Baldwin mourns cinematographer

Alec Baldwin has spoken publicly for the first time on camera about the cinematographer he fatally shot on the movie set of "Rust," calling her a friend and saying he is in "constant contact" with her grieving family.

"She was my friend," Baldwin told photographers Saturday on a roadside in Vermont. "We were a very, very well-oiled crew shooting a film together and then this horrible event happened." The video was distributed by TMZ.

Investigators believe Baldwin's gun fired a single live round that killed cinematographer Halyna Hutchins and wounded director Joel Souza.

Baldwin was joined by his wife, Hilaria, when he spoke to photographers and she filmed the exchange with her smartphone, often trying to get her husband to stop talking. Baldwin said he was speaking out so that the photographers would stop following his family.

Baldwin

Baldwin called the shooting incident a "one-in-a-trillion event" and said he had met with Hutchins' husband. "He is in shock, he has a 9-year-old son. We are in constant contact with him because we are very worried about his family and his kid. As I said, we are eagerly awaiting for the sheriff's department to tell us what their investigation has yielded."

Investigators in New Mexico where the shooting occurred have said that there was "some complacency" in how weapons were handled on the movie set but it's too soon to determine whether charges will be filed.

Santa Fe County Sheriff Adan Mendoza has said 500 rounds of ammunition—a mix of blanks, dummy rounds and suspected live rounds—were found while searching the set of the Western "Rust."

Detectives have recovered a lead projectile they believe the actor fired. Testing is being done to confirm whether the projectile taken from Souza's shoulder was fired from the same long Colt revolver used by Baldwin. The FBI will help with ballistics analysis.

Souza, who was standing behind Hutchins, told investigators there should never be live rounds present near the scene. ***(AP)***

Jay-Z, Foo Fighters welcomed into Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

CLEVELAND (AP)—Jay-Z's added another title to a resume that includes rapper, songwriter, Grammy winner, billionaire business mogul, and global icon—Hall of Famer.

The self-proclaimed "greatest rapper alive" was inducted Saturday night as part of an eclectic 2021 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame class that included Foo Fighters, Carole King, Tina Turner, The Go-Gos and Todd Rundgren.

Once a drug dealer on the tough streets of Brooklyn, New York, Jay-Z rose through the rap world with hard, straightforward songs that often portrayed the struggles of Black people in America. His catalogue includes songs like "Hard Knock Life," "99 Problems" and "Empire State of Mind" as well as 14 No. 1 albums.

Family friend knows too much about couple's finances

DEAR ABBY: I am friends with "Pete" and "Pam," a couple I have known for more than 20 years. Pam is keeping secrets from Pete, and, unfortunately, I'm aware of it.

I need a way to address my concerns to Pete. He works full time in a great job, and his salary goes into a joint bank account. Pam handles all the finances and pays the bills—rent, car, etc. When Pete and I hang out and he asks Pam (who has the credit cards) for small amounts of money, she says, "Sorry, we don't have it." I understand that might be the case sometimes, but it happens ALL THE TIME.

Pam also secretly borrows cash from me. She pays it back late sometimes, but not always. I talked with Pam and told her to tell Pete she borrows. I don't think she did, and it concerns me. I'm her enabler but I'm putting my foot down and not doing it anymore.

I'm worried because Pete thinks they have all this money saved for a house. I'm starting to think Pam has spent it, or most of it. How can I tell Pete as a friend to check the finances without starting World War III? I'd hate to lose my friends over this, but I'm afraid the money he is earning is going somewhere else—where, I have no idea. Please help.

IN DANGER OF LOSING FRIENDS

DEAR IN DANGER: Tell Pete everything you have written to me. If he is so financially ignorant that he doesn't know how to check his balances and his credit rating, he should talk with a CPA for help ascertaining his financial status. Whether Pam has a spending problem or some other type of addiction, he needs to know. He also needs to know how long his dreams of homeownership may need to be postponed if what you are concerned about is true.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 37-year-old woman who has had to move back to my mother's home after ending a long-term relationship. I love her dearly and appreciate her letting me stay with her until I can get back on my feet. The problem is, I never have any alone time at home or even out when I socialize. She's close with all my friends and frequently goes to the same bars and restaurants I do.

When I go out on weekends, she invariably asks me where I'm going and then shows up and sits with me and my group. I love her, but I really need some space. I'm single. I want to meet people when I'm out, and I can't do it with her there. When I try to talk to her about it, she gets upset and thinks I don't "ever" want her around. That's not true. I just want my own social life without her ALWAYS being there. Please help.

NEEDING SPACE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR NEEDING SPACE: It's time for an adult conversation with Mama. Explain that you enjoy her company but need some time by yourself—whether it's at home or with your friends. If you don't want her beside you all the time when you're home, agree on a place you can retreat to for some solitude—like your bedroom.

When you're going out with friends, be clear that you want SOME time with them without her being present because it inhibits you. This does not mean she's not ever welcome, but maybe HALF the time. Encourage her to spend more time with her own friends. If she doesn't have any, help her to find some. Your problem may be that your mother is simply lonely and starved for company.

DEAR ABBY

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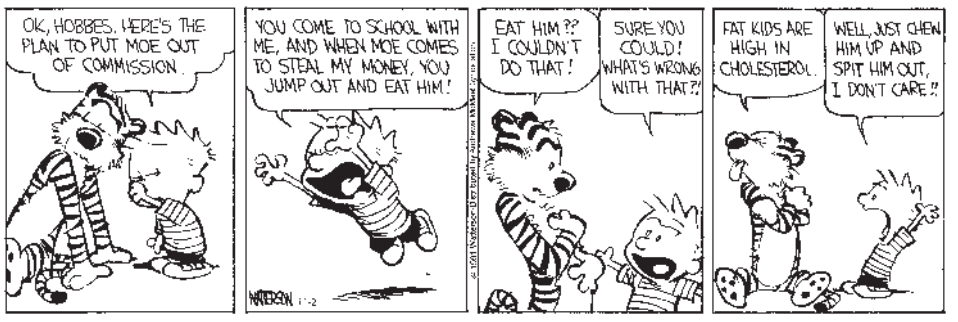
OK, HOBBES. HERE'S THE PLAN TO PUT MOE OUT OF COMMISSION.
YOU COME TO SCHOOL WITH ME, AND WHEN MOE COMES TO STEAL MY MONEY, YOU JUMP OUT AND EAT HIM!
EAT HIM?? I COULDN'T DO THAT!
SURE YOU COULD! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?!
FAT KIDS ARE HIGH IN CHOLESTEROL.
WELL, JUST CHEW HIM UP AND SPIT HIM OUT, I DON'T CARE!!

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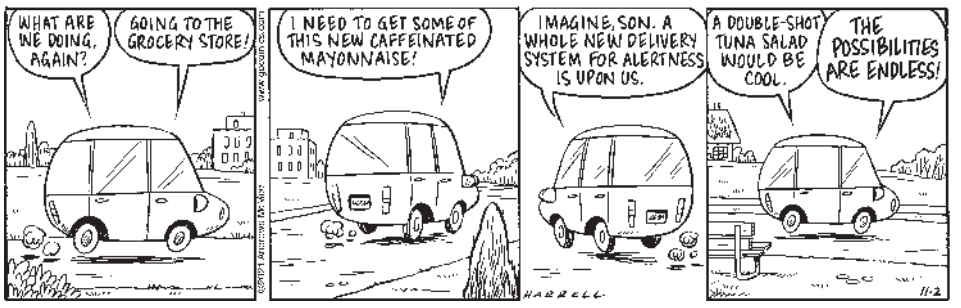
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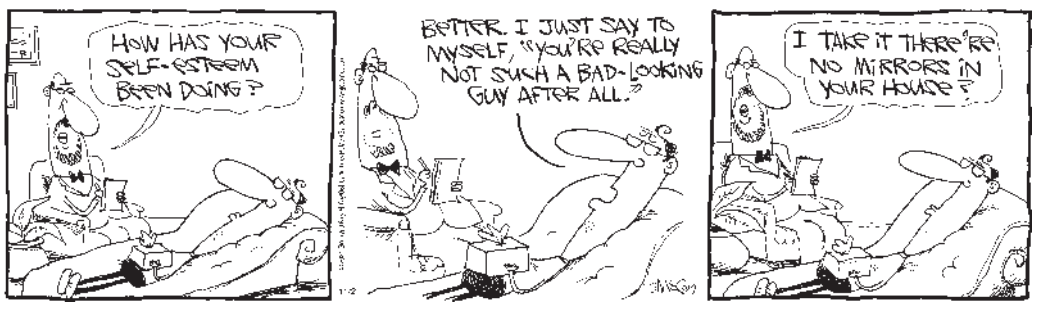
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I TAKE IT THERE'RE NO MIRRORS IN YOUR HOUSE?

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Wound cover
5 Sailor's "yes"
8 Friendly
12 Places
13 PBS funder
14 Baseball's Moises
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16 Small pastries
18 Sully
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51 Avril follower
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55 Genie's home

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2 Musical finale
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4 Human rights advocate Jagger
5 Nervous
6 "Amen!"
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19 Author Fleming
22 Astronaut Jemison
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28 Water tester
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31 Browns, on scoreboards
34 Became close
35 Sci-fi race
36 Soviet space station
37 Carrier's load
39 Smooth fabric
40 Molecule part
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43 Despot
44 Pond growth
45 Tranquil
46 Use scissors
48 Flightless bird

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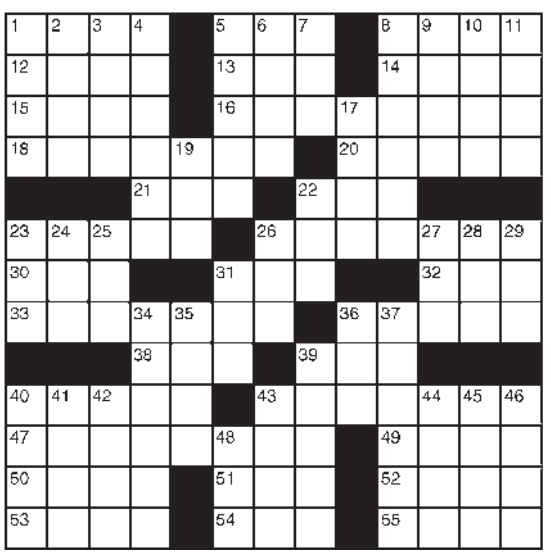

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Happy Birthday: Take the edge off, relax and think about the best way to get what you want. Empathy and understanding, mixed with charm and positive suggestions, will help you make your way through any pitfalls you encounter this year. Be courageous but kind when opposition comes your way. How you make others feel will determine the response you receive. Balance and equality are essential. Your numbers are 7, 10, 16, 21, 24, 38, 46.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Join forces with someone who shares your point of view. Together you can make a difference. A discussion will lead to an understanding of your long-term goals and give you comfort in knowing what's possible. Romance is on the rise. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Don't count on something that isn't a sure thing. Ask questions and insist on verification in writing. Evaluate your relationships, and don't hesitate to distance yourself from anyone who doesn't play fair or offer something worthwhile in return. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Think matters through, make decisions for the right reasons, and pay attention to and learn from the experiences you encounter. When in doubt, check the facts, budget appropriately and set a course that feels comfortable. Think big, but live within your means. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Hide your emotions until you gather the facts. Knowing what you are up against will make it easier to do what's best for you. Don't give in to someone using manipulative tactics. Think outside the box, and you'll find a good alternative. ✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* A positive attitude will help you bypass a stressful situation. Upset will lead to a change that doesn't fit your schedule. Do your best to get along, and be prepared to do things on your own if necessary. Self-improvement is favored. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Pay attention to how you manage money. Overspending on things you don't need will lead to regret. Put more emphasis on what's meaningful to you and how you can utilize your time effectively. Make changes that improve your domestic situation. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Set rules, boundaries and incentives to avoid opposition. Listen to suggestions, and find a way to incorporate requests. Getting along with others will be half the battle. Sincerity and acting in good faith will encourage success and long-term benefits. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Take a moment to assess situations, but don't linger too long. Decisive action will show how capable you are and highlight your leadership qualities. Mindfulness, precision and honesty will encourage others to back the decisions you make. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Emphasize what's important, and be realistic regarding how much you spend. Getting the most for the least by doing the work yourself instead of paying others is favored -- if you know what you are doing. ✪✪✪✪

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Forward motion will keep you out of trouble. Keep your comments to yourself, and avoid wasting time on senseless battles that slow you down. The progress you make and how you treat others during the process are essential. ✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Look over the possibilities and map out a course that will help you reach your destination. Refuse to let a change of plans someone makes throw you off. Put in a call to someone who always lifts your spirits. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* There is no clear-cut way to handle sensitive situations. Take the time to understand how others feel, and ask questions that offer others the chance to develop a solution without being told what to do. Aim to please, not punish. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are ardent, engaging and playful. You are innovative and mysterious.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Correa, Astros rally past Braves 9-5, cut WS deficit to 3-2

ATLANTA (AP)—Just in time, Carlos Correa and the Houston Astros broke out the bats.

Because if they had waited any longer, this World Series would've been over.

Staggered by Adam Duvall's grand slam in the first inning, Correa and Alex Bregman ended their slumps in a hurry. They kept swinging, refusing to let their season slip away and rallying past the Atlanta Braves 9-5 early Monday to cut their Series deficit to 3-2.

The Braves might not admit it was a deflating defeat; 66-year-old manager Brian Snitker is too steady and savvy for that. But by any measure in the Analytics Age, this had to sting.

"I'm just glad we get to go back to Houston. That was our goal today," Astros skipper Dusty Baker said.

Correa came through with three hits after getting moved up to third in the lineup for Game 5 while Bregman was dropped to seventh. Martin Maldonado found three different ways to drive in runs and pinch-hitter Marwin Gonzalez blooped a two-out, two-run single in the fifth for a 7-5 lead.

A matchup of bullpens turned into the first high-scoring game of this Fall Classic, and the highest-scoring team in the majors this year won it.

"It was tough. But before the game we talked and we said, `We're not gonna give up,'" Correa said.

Couldn't hold down the Astros forever, a parade of Braves pitchers found out as the clock passed midnight and the calendar flipped to November.

Correa gained attention earlier this postseason for marking big hits by pointing at his wrist, where a watch might be. His time, he said.

The star shortstop doubled and singled twice, driving in two runs. His RBI single in the eighth inning padded the lead and as Altuve got congrats in the dugout after scoring, the Fox TV mics picked up someone on the bench yelling "It's time!"

A night earlier, the Astros went 0 for 8 with runners in scoring position in a 3-2 loss. That left Correa at 2 for 14 overall in the series and Bregman worse at 1 for 14.

Atlanta had been 7-0 at home in the postseason, and a boisterous crowd inside Truist Park and packed plaza outside came early hoping to celebrate a long-awaited championship.

Duvall's slam sent a dozen Braves careening from the dugout, a full-out frenzy of hollering, twirling and dancing.

"We celebrated it. We got excited, and that's what you do when you hit home runs—but it's a long game. That happened in the bottom of the first. It's a nine-inning game, and they didn't quit. They kept fighting," Duvall said.

"We weren't able to get it going again and keep the pressure on, and that's hat's off to their pitchers. They kept us there when they needed to."

Indeed, any victory party was premature—even after Freddie Freeman's long homer put Atlanta ahead 5-4.

Instead, the Astros hushed those fans and the Braves, pulling off a big comeback to stay afloat.

Now, the Astros need an even bigger one to win it all.

Game 6 is Tuesday night in Houston.

No team has clinched a World Series at home since the 2013 Red Sox. For Jose Altuve and the Astros to do it, they must win twice at Minute Maid Park—the last club to overcome a 3-1 Series deficit was the Cubs against Cleveland in 2016.

Down 4-0 after Duvall tagged Framber Valdez, the Astros began to chip away against Tucker Davidson.

Davidson wasn't even on the postseason roster a week ago. Relaxing at a hotel in the Atlanta suburbs, chowing down a takeout salad from The Cheesecake Factory, the rookie saw Game 1 starter Charlie Morton get hurt and joined the Braves the next day in Houston.

It made for a cute story, but Houston was buying.

Bregman hit an RBI double that ended the Astros' rut with runners in scoring position and Maldonado—4 for 41 in the postseason at that point—followed with a sacrifice fly that pulled them to 4-2.

An error by shortstop Dansby Swanson helped Houston tie it in the third. Altuve reached on the misplay and Michael Brantley walked, ending Davidson's day. Correa greeted reliever Jesse Chavez with an RBI double and a run-scoring grounder by Yuli Gurriel made it 4-all.

Freeman untied it moments later, connecting for a 460-foot home run that matched the longest of his career.

But having finally gotten loose at the plate, the Astros weren't going quietly on this night.

Singles by Correa and Gurriel and a two-out intentional walk to Bregman loaded the bases in the fifth. Lefty reliever A.J. Minter lost Maldonado for a walk that tied it, and Gonzalez singled for the lead.

Maldonado added an RBI single in the seventh and Correa extended the lead the next inning.

José Urquidy pitched an inning for his second win of the season. Minter took the loss.

Houston became the first team to win Game 5 on the road when trailing 3-1 in the World Series since the 1992 Braves.

Astros right-hander Zack Greinke got the first pinch-hit by an American League pitcher in World Series history, lining a single in the fourth. He also got a hit when he started Game 4.

The previous hit by a pinch-hitting pitcher in the Series came way back in 1923 by Jack Bentley of the New York Giants. Bentley had two of them against the Yankees in that matchup after batting .427 during the regular season.

Houston Astros' Carlos Correa celebrates his RBI single during the eighth inning in Game 5 of baseball's World Series between the Houston Astros and the Atlanta Braves Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021, in Atlanta. AP

Braves squander chance for hometown party

ATLANTA (AP)—The place was rocking, the pearl-clad fans sensing this truly was going to be a special night, the kind they'd been hopefully marking on the calendar for more than a quarter-century.

Surely after Adam Duvall launched one into the tabled seats in right field for a grand slam in the very first inning, the Atlanta Braves would be celebrating their first World Series title since 1995.

On their home field, no less, the 5-year-old stadium-slash-shopping mall where they'd been unbeatable through seven postseason games.

Then, Halloween took a frightening turn.

All tricks and no treats.

Now, an entire city is on edge again.

Needing one win to finish off the Houston Astros, the Braves squandered the early 4-0 lead provided by Duvall and lost 9-5 in Game 5 on Sunday night, a listless performance that left Truist Field so quiet you could hear a pearl drop.

The rookie starting pitcher couldn't throw a strike. The defense looked shaky. The vaunted bullpen was lit up. Even the fashion craze sparked by Joc Pederson's pearl necklace lost its luster.

"It's a nine-inning ballgame," Duvall said. "We got excited, and that's what you do when you hit home runs, but it's a long game. That happened in the bottom of the first. It's a nine-inning game, and they didn't quit. They kept fighting."

By the end, Duvall's first-inning slam seemed a lifetime ago. The night trudged to a merciless ending exactly four hours after it started, with Game 4 hero Jorge Soler whiffing on the final pitch.

The shell-shocked fans headed out into the Battery shopping mall in no mood to party like they had the previous two nights.

Check, please.

"We weren't able to get it going again and keep the pressure on, and that's hats off to their pitchers," Duvall said. "They kept us there when they needed to."

Atlanta still leads the best-of-seven series 3-2, can still wrap it up with one more win, but the teams are heading back to Texas for the final one or two games that will be needed to settle things.

No matter how it turns out, the A-T-L was denied the sort of hometown celebration that has been seen only one other time in the city's tortured sports history.

The Braves finished the '95 World Series over the Cleveland Indians in Game 6 at the old Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, winning 1-0 on David Justice's homer and a combined one-hitter by Tom Glavine and Mark Wohlers.

That remains the lone championship an Atlanta big league team has captured in the four major American sports.

Another is still there for the taking, but it will have to come about 800 miles to the west, in a ballpark where the reception won't be nearly as hospitable.

"It would have been great. You always love to do it here," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "But I'll take it anywhere. I don't care where we're at. If we win the World Series, it doesn't matter where it is. I'd have loved to have done it in front of our fans. Hopefully, we can do it the next couple of days."

These next 48-to-72 hours figure to be quite a nail-biter for the city's snake-bitten fans, who are scarred by all the close-but-no-champagne moments that have kept the title count at 1.

- The Braves melting down in 1996 when a second straight championship seemed a foregone conclusion after they won the first two World Series games at Yankee Stadium. Jim Leyritz still causes nightmares in these parts.
- The NFL Falcons blowing a 28-3 lead in the Super Bowl and losing to Tom Brady and the Patriots in overtime.
- The Braves, again, wasting a 3-1 lead over the Los Angeles Dodgers in last year's NL Championship Series.

Will Sunday night's loss join that hall of heartbreak? Or will it be a mere bump in the road to a title that's still just 27 outs away?

"They're not going to quit. They're not going to roll over," Duvall said of the Astros. "We're playing for it all. We're playing for everything right now. We're playing for the dreams that we've had as a little kid.

"It's not going to be easy," he added. "This time of the year, all throughout the postseason, it's not going to be easy. You've got guys that are willing to run through walls for a win."

Stay tuned.

Game 6 is Tuesday night in Houston.

Williams' interception helps Saints beat Brady, Bucs 36-27

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—P.J. Williams intercepted Tom Brady's pass and returned it 40 yards for a touchdown with 1:24 left, helping New Orleans seal a dramatic but potentially costly 36-27 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday.

Saints quarterback Jameis Winston injured his left knee during a scramble early in the second quarter when he was pulled down from behind by Devin White, who was flagged for a horse-collar tackle.

Saints coach Sean Payton said he thinks the injury is "significant."

Backup Trevor Siemian took over for Winston and completed 16 of 29 throws for 159 yards and a touchdown without a turnover. New Orleans (5-2) earned its third straight victory.

Brady passed for four TDs, but also turned the ball over three times on a pair of interceptions and a fumble. Tampa Bay (6-2) had won four in a row.

New Orleans Saints quarterback Trevor Siemian (15) passes in the first half of an NFL football game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in New Orleans, Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021.

AP

Jets 34, Bengals 31

In East Rutherford, N.J., Mike White threw for 405 yards and three touchdowns in his first NFL start, leading the Jets to a wild comeback victory.

White, starting in place of injured rookie Zach Wilson, pulled off an improbable victory for the Jets (2-5) while going 37 of 45 — setting an NFL record for the most completions in a player's first start. He joined Cam Newton (2011) as the only players since at least 1950 to throw for 400 or more yards in their first career start.

White overcame two early interceptions and also became the Jets' first 400-yard passer since Vinny Testaverde on Dec. 24, 2000, a span of 327 games. And he even left for a few plays with a neck injury.

Joe Burrow threw for 259 yards and three touchdowns for the Bengals (5-3), who led 31-20 midway through the fourth quarter. Rookie Ja'Marr Chase finished with just three receptions for 32 yards, including a 2-yard TD in the second quarter.

Cowboys 20, Vikings 16

In Minneapolis, Cooper Rush subbed for the injured Dak Prescott and passed for 325 yards and two second-half touchdowns, the last a 5-yarder to Amari Cooper with 51 seconds left in Dallas' victory over Minnesota.

Rush overcame two turnovers, both delivered by former Dallas safety Xavier Woods, to slice up the Minnesota secondary in his first NFL start. The fifth-year backup, handed the offense when Prescott was shelved in a game-time decision due to a strained right calf muscle, directed an eight-play, 75-yard drive he finished with a perfect toss to Cooper on a fade in the corner of the end zone.

Cooper had eight catches for 122 yards, and CeeDee Lamb had six receptions for 112 yards for the Cowboys (6-1), whose only lead came in that final minute.

Kirk Cousins and the Vikings (3-4) were frequently in disarray on offense after opening with 75-yard march for a touchdown pass to Adam Thielen.

Patriots 27, Chargers 24

In Inglewood, Calif., New England's Adrian Phillips intercepted two passes, returning one for the go-ahead touchdown against his former team.

Nick Folk kicked four field goals for the Patriots (4-4), who earned their second straight win. Rookie Mac Jones completed 18 of 35 passes for 218 yards.

It was the first multi-interception game for Phillips, who played six seasons for the Chargers before signing with the Patriots last year.

New England's Damien Harris, looking for his third straight 100-yard rushing game, had 23 carries for 80 yards and a touchdown.

Chargers QB Justin Herbert was 18 of 35 for 223 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions. Los Angeles (4-3) has dropped two straight.

Steelers 15, Browns 10

In Cleveland, Ben Roethlisberger handed Cleveland yet another loss as Pittsburgh survived losing kicker Chris Boswell for the entire second half.

Roethlisberger threw a touchdown pass and rookie Najee Harris had an 8-yard TD run after halftime for the Steelers (4-3), who were handicapped by Boswell suffering a concussion on a blown trick play.

The Browns (4-4) had plenty of chances, but wide receiver Jarvis Landry had a costly fumble and then couldn't handle two passes from Baker Mayfield in the final 6:04.

Roethlisberger improved to 24-3-1 in starts against the rival Browns, including 12-2-1 in Cleveland. The 38-year-old finished 22 of 34 for 266 yards — 193 in the second half when the Steelers had no margin for error.

Eagles 44, Lions 6

In Detroit, Boston Scott and Jordan Howard each had two touchdowns on the ground, helping Philadelphia run over winless Detroit.

The Eagles (3-5) ended a two-game losing streak against a team that was very accommodating.

The Lions (0-8) go into their bye week as the NFL's only winless team. The break gives first-year coach Dan Campbell extra time to figure out how to avoid leading the league's first 0-17 team after being a tight end on the first 0-16 team in Detroit 13 years ago.

Just to make the setback sting a little more for the Lions and their fans, former Detroit cornerback Darius Slay scooped up D'Andre Swift's fumble and returned it 33 yards make it 38-0 late in the third.

Rams 38, Texans 22

In Houston, Matthew Stafford threw for 305 yards and three touchdowns in three quarters, and the Rams dominated the inept Texans.

It's the fourth straight victory for the Rams (7-1) and the seventh loss in a row for the Texans (1-7), their longest skid since dropping the final 14 games of the 2013 season.

Stafford threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Cooper Kupp with about 9½ minutes left in the third, lifting Los Angeles to a 31-0 lead.

Kupp caught seven balls for 115 yards and Darrell Henderson had 90 yards rushing and two TDs, one on the ground and one on a 3-yard reception in the first quarter.

Bills 26, Dolphins 11

In Orchard Park, N.Y., Buffalo's Josh Allen shook off the rust from a bye week and a shaky first half to throw touchdown passes on consecutive second-half drives.

After managing just 100 yards net offense through Buffalo's first possession of the third quarter, Allen found his rhythm in overseeing a pair of scoring drives which combined for 22 plays and covered 151 yards.

The Bills went ahead 10-3 in the third when Allen found a wide-open Gabriel Davis for an 8-yard touchdown reception. He then capped a 69-yard drive by hitting Stefon Diggs for a 19-yard TD.

Jordan Poyer sealed the victory by intercepting a pass Tua Tagovailoa sailed over the middle while facing third-and-26 from his 19 with 2:21 remaining.

Titans 34, Colts 31, OT

In Indianapolis, Randy Bullock made a 44-yard field goal with 4:03 left in overtime, lifting Tennessee to the wild road win and control of the AFC South.

The teams combined for two touchdowns in the final 86 seconds of regulation. Colts quarterback Carson Wentz threw two interceptions in the final 7 1/2 minutes after throwing only one all season.

Tennessee (6-2) has won four straight overall to take a three-game lead in the division. Indianapolis (3-5) has lost three straight in the series—this one coming in improbable fashion.

Wentz passed for 231 yards and three TDs, but he was picked off by Kevin Byard with 5:48 left in overtime—setting up Bullock's winning field goal.

Seahawks 31, Jaguars 7

In Seattle, Geno Smith ran for one score and threw a pair of touchdown passes to DK Metcalf, and the Seahawks stopped a three-game slide.

In what may be his final start while Russell Wilson recovers from finger surgery, Smith was terrific while picking apart the Jaguars defense for one of the best performances of his career.

Smith completed his first 14 passes in the longest streak to start a game in the NFL this season. He finished 20 of 24 for 195 yards, and his 83.3% completion percentage was a career best with at least 20 pass attempts.

Tyler Lockett had 12 catches for 142 yards for Seattle (3-5).

Broncos 17, Washington 10

In Denver, Justin Simmons and Denver's defense held after a fumble gave Washington the ball back, and the Broncos blocked two field goals while stopping a four-game slide.

Melvin Gordon III caught a touchdown pass and ran for the go-ahead score from 7 yards out with 4:27 remaining. He also fumbled with 21 seconds to go, giving Washington the ball at the Denver 24-yard line.

The defense forced Taylor Heinicke to throw the ball out of the back of the end zone on the last play of the game.

It looked as if the game was over when Simmons picked off a desperation Heinicke pass in the end zone with around 37 seconds left. It was Simmons' second interception of the game.

Panthers 19, Falcons 13

In Atlanta, Zane Gonzalez kicked four field goals and Chuba Hubbard scored on a 6-yard run with 6 1/2 minutes remaining, helping the Panthers stop a four-game skid.

Carolina's defense totally stuffed Matt Ryan and the Falcons, who managed just 213 yards total offense.

Ryan had one of the worst games of his career, throwing for just 146 yards with two interceptions. He was sacked three times and sustained a bloody cut on his non-throwing hand when a Panthers defender stepped on it, though Ryan didn't miss any plays.

Atlanta (3-4) had won two straight games, but the Falcons squandered a chance to climb above .500 for the first time since 2017.

With his job on the line, Sam Darnold turned in a performance that was just good enough to win for Carolina (4-4). He threw for a mere 129 yards yards but made none of the glaring miscues that prompted speculation about how long he would remain the starter.

Darnold also rushed for 66 yards, but the last of those runs knocked him out of the game with a concussion in the fourth quarter.

49ers 33, Bears 22

In Chicago, Jimmy Garoppolo threw for 322 yards and ran for two touchdowns, and San Francisco snapped a four-game losing streak.

Garoppolo led three touchdown drives in the second half and another possession that ended with a field goal. He scored from the 2 in the third quarter and ran it in from the 5 in the fourth to make it 30-22.

Deebo Samuel had six catches for 171 yards. That gave him 819 through seven games, breaking Hall of Famer Jerry Rice's club record of 781 set in 1986.

Elijah Mitchell carried 18 times for 137 yards and a touchdown, helping San Francisco (3-4) win for the first time since beating both Detroit and Philadelphia on the road to start the season.

Chicago (3-5) played without top pass rusher Khalil Mack, who missed his first game since 2018 because of a foot injury. Coach Matt Nagy was away from the team after testing positive for COVID-19, and special teams coordinator Chris Tabor filled in for him.

Justin Fields threw for 175 yards and a touchdown. The rookie also ran for 103 yards and a score, becoming the first Bears QB to rush for 100 yards in a game since Bobby Douglass in 1973.

Mitchell helps Jazz win 107-95 as Bucks lose 3rd straight

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Donovan Mitchell helped the Utah Jazz bounce back from their first loss of the season.

Mitchell scored 28 points and the Jazz beat the short-handed Milwaukee Bucks 107-95 on Sunday to hand the defending NBA champions their third straight loss.

Both teams were playing for the second straight night, as the Bucks fell 102-93 to San Antonio and the Jazz lost 107-99 at Chicago. Utah was undefeated before that trip to Chicago.

"We really executed when we needed to," Mitchell said. "You look at tonight and you look at the way last night went, two polar opposite situations. I think there were times Chicago really amped up the pressure ad we weren't ready for it. (The Bucks) did it again tonight and we were ready for it. They're NBA champions. They're not going to just go down 15 and call it a day."

Mike Conley added 20 points, Jordan Clarkson had 15 and Bojan Bogdanovic added 14 for the Jazz.

Milwaukee has dropped three home games over the last five nights and has shot 27.5% (36 of 131) from 3-point range during that stretch. The Bucks opened the home stand with a 113-108 loss to Minnesota.

Milwaukee Bucks guard Justin Robinson (55) and Utah Jazz guard Jordan Clarkson (00) reach for the ball during the second half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021, in Milwaukee. AP

Lakers 95, Rockets 85

In Los Angeles, Carmelo Anthony scored 23 points in a reserve role and Russell Westbrook added 20 points in the Lakers' victory over the Rockets.

Anthony Davis had 16 points and 13 rebounds, and LeBron James scored 15 points in the Lakers' fourth win in five games after opening the season with two losses.

Eric Gordon scored 17 points and Christian Wood had 16 for the Rockets, who lost their fourth straight at the start of a five-game road trip.

Nets 117, Pistons 91

In New York, James Harden had 18 points, 10 rebounds, and 12 assists to power Brooklyn past Detroit.

Harden is Brooklyn's career leader with 13 triple-doubles, and joined Larry Bird for second on the NBA's list with 59.

Kevin Durant added 23 points before being ejected in the third quarter. Cory Joseph led the Pistons with 13 points.

Mavericks 105, Kings 99

In Dallas, Luka Doncic made a 36-foot 3-pointer to beat the shot clock and blunt a late Sacramento rally and finished with 23 points in Dallas' victory,

The Kings cut a 12-point deficit to 92-89 with 4:53 to play. With about two seconds left on the 24-second clock, Doncic hit the 3 from just past the center-court logo.

Doncic shot 10 for 21 from the floor and had eight rebounds and 10 assists. The long buzzer-beater was his only make on seven 3-point attempts.

Hornets 125, Trail Blazers 113

In Charlotte, N.C., LaMelo Ball had 27 points, nine rebounds and seven assists, Kelly Oubre Jr. scored 13 of his 26 points in the decisive fourth quarter and Charlotte beat Portland.

Miles Bridges added 19 points and a career-high nine assists, and P.J. Washington had 17 points to help give coach James Borrego his 100th career victory. Charlotte finished 20 of 42 from 3-point range, with Oubre hitting six.

C.J. McCollum had 25 points for Portland, and Jusuf Nurkic had 13 points and 14 rebounds. The Blazers had won two in a row.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	5	1	.833	—
Philadelphia	4	2	.667	1
Toronto	4	3	.571	1½
Brooklyn	4	3	.571	1½
Boston	2	4	.333	3

Southeast Division

Washington	5	1	.833	—
Miami	5	1	.833	—
Charlotte	5	2	.714	½
Atlanta	3	3	.500	2
Orlando	1	6	.143	4½

Central Division

Chicago	5	1	.833	—
Milwaukee	3	4	.429	2½
Cleveland	3	4	.429	2½
Detroit	1	5	.167	4
Indiana	1	6	.143	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Dallas	4	2	.667	—
Memphis	3	3	.500	1
San Antonio	2	4	.333	2
Houston	1	5	.167	3
New Orleans	1	6	.143	3½

Northwest Division

Utah	5	1	.833	—
Denver	4	2	.667	1
Minnesota	3	2	.600	1½
Portland	3	3	.500	2
Oklahoma City	1	5	.167	4

Pacific Division

Golden State	5	1	.833	—
L.A. Lakers	4	3	.571	1½
Sacramento	3	3	.500	2
Phoenix	2	3	.400	2½
L.A. Clippers	1	4	.200	3½

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	229	109
New England	4	4	0	.500	206	164
N.Y. Jets	2	5	0	.286	114	206
Miami	1	7	0	.125	138	233

South

Tennessee	6	2	0	.750	227	195
Indianapolis	3	5	0	.375	200	183
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	123	203
Houston	1	7	0	.125	119	241

North

Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	187	164
Cincinnati	5	3	0	.625	220	162
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	132	142
Cleveland	4	4	0	.500	183	180

West

Las Vegas	5	2	0	.714	180	166
L.A. Chargers	4	3	0	.571	172	177
Denver	4	4	0	.500	157	137
Kansas City	3	4	0	.429	188	203

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Dallas	6	1	0	.857	225	162
Philadelphia	3	5	0	.375	203	191
N.Y. Giants	2	5	0	.286	139	180
Washington	2	6	0	.250	156	227

South

Tampa Bay	6	2	0	.750	260	183
New Orleans	5	2	0	.714	176	128
Carolina	4	4	0	.500	165	159
Atlanta	3	4	0	.429	148	195

North

Green Bay	7	1	0	.875	192	167
Minnesota	3	4	0	.429	163	157
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	123	195
Detroit	0	8	0	.000	134	244

West

Arizona	7	1	0	.875	246	138
L.A. Rams	7	1	0	.875	245	168
San Francisco	3	4	0	.429	168	171
Seattle	3	5	0	.375	181	169

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and their familiarity of play has led to MegaByte dominating the Crime Stoppers softball tournament eight out of the 18 years it's been held.

"It's a family team. We come out here to play. We come out here to hangout as a family. We've been blessed having won seven in a row. I'm thankful to have such a great tournament for us to come out as champion," she said.

Naputi, whose husband Martin is the team's manager, said the sport of softball also runs deep in their family's veins and that's why they always give their best every tournament.

"Our family's team consists of nephews and nieces. We are continuing this legacy as our family is a softball family. It's also a way of keeping the young ones out of trouble."

Naputi also gave kudos to their championship opponent as the TSL team forced them to buckle down to work in the finals.

"We lost the first game in the finals. We went undefeated in the eliminations. These boys they like that. They like to lose and then come back. They're a good team though. TSL is a good team. We've actually had games in the past where we had to go through extra innings, but in this tournament they were our biggest competitor."

She, however, admitted that she had some nervous moments, especially in Game 1, where a J.D. Magofna towering homerun broke a 15-all tie in the seventh and forced a Game 2.

"We're very, very confident. I was just in the dugout because I had a lot of goosebumps [that we might lose]. But they're very, very confident that we will win [in Game 2]. They do have a lot of confidence in themselves," she said.

MegaByte breezed through the winner's bracket, beating Saipan Vegas in the first round last Thursday. The team played Bridge Capital LLC on Friday and also triumphed. MegaByte barged into the semifinals with a win over Brabu Pharmacy before punching the first final ticket by exacting TSL its first loss of the tourney earlier Saturday.

TSL, meanwhile, got going with a win over Saipan Stevedore last Friday. They then won their second game after eclipsing IT&E before forging its semifinals date with MegaByte. After losing to MegaByte, TSL then beat IT&E in the loser's bracket finals. IT&E wound up third place.

In Game 1 of the finals, MegaByte appeared en route to a perfect tournament, leading 9-1 after three innings. TSL, however, awoke in the fourth with seven home plate crossings thanks to solo shots from Magofna and Vicente Camacho III.

MegaByte responded swiftly by tucking in six runs the very next inning, which included a grand slam by Harry Nakamura to make it 15-8. TSL retaliated with two runs in the bottom of the fifth and tied it up at 15-all in a five-run sixth following a parade of singles. Magofna then made his heroics after Branon Hocog silenced MegaByte's bats in the top of the seventh.

In the rubber game, MegaByte went up 6-2 after two innings, but unlike the first game they didn't let go of the reins. It would be 14-7 entering the fifth before another six-run cluster gave the champions an insurmountable 20-7 spread on back-to-back-to-back homeruns by Henry Lizama, Noki Saralu, and A.J. Lizama.

Two more insurance runs in the sixth pegged the score at 22-7 before TSL's last-gasp rally fell short as they only managed to score only three more runs in the final inning with the last out coming courtesy of an A.J. Lizama catch on a line drive by Frankie Lieto.

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Court; Dec. 4 at Chinatown Basketball Court; Dec. 5 at San Vicente Community Center; and Dec. 13 at As Matuis Basketball Court. Each session will run from 4pm to 6pm and registration is free and open to children in the 12 years old and below age group. To register, send email to nmibf.bola@gmail.com or visit the community centers in your respective villages. Registration and waiver forms will also be posted at the NMIBF Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/NMIBasketballFederation.

Bola, which is co-presented by the NMIBF, FIBA Oceania, and FIBA Foundation, will have a culminating event on Dec. 20 with all the participants in the regular sessions invited to join the Inter-Village Mini Basketball Games at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Meanwhile, the NMIBF has moved the opening of the girls HS hoops after receiving communication from Public School System athletics program director Nick Gross.

"Due to the governor's closure directive on all schools, we will make plans to continue with our season, beginning Nov. 17, but this will be dependent upon the status of the government and PSS directives," Gross said.

The NMIBF opened the 2021-2022 season in September with the staging of the girls middle school competition and then took a break for nearly two weeks before the scheduled resumption of court action, via the girls high school caging. Eleven teams have confirmed participation in this season's girls HS hoops.

Besides pushing back the start of the girls HS competition and Bola, the NMIBF has also suspended the training sessions for the NMI National Team Program. Practice sessions this Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday have been canceled and may resume next week, depending on the directive of the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force as safety precaution against the pandemic. ***(PR)***

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American Memorial Park tennis courts.

"Unfortunately, but for the safety of everyone especially the younger kids that have not gotten their vaccine yet we will have to postpone the start of the tournament. We just want to be extra cautious and safe," she said.

The TanHoldings Tennis Classic took a leave last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It also skipped 2018 due to the destruction brought by Super Typhoon Yutu on island infrastructure that include the local tennis courts.

A total of six divisions are up for grabs in the youth competition. In the boys 18-and-under, Jimin Woo is the top seed with Andy Kim the No. 2 seed.

In the boys 16-and-under singles, the top seed is Cody Shimizu with Minseong Kim ranked No. 2. The boys 14-and-under have Henry Choi as the first seed with Nason Wessel the No. 2 seed. In the girls 14-and-under, Irin Chung and Hoo Wang are the Top 2 seeds.

In the boys 14-and-under doubles, Nason Wessel and Henry Choi are the No. 1 seeds with Henry Yeom and Ki Won Lee the second seeds. The boys 12-and-under singles have Yutaka Kadokura as the No. 1 seed and Eamon Tang the second seed.

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MegaByte players and coaching staff pose for a group photo with the perpetual trophy after winning their seventh straight championship and eighth overall during the 18th Annual NMI Crime Stoppers Softball Fundraising Tournament last Saturday at the Capitol Hill baseball field. MARK RABAGO

Seventh straight heaven for MegaByte

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MegaByte won an unprecedented seventh straight championship and eighth overall after topping the 18th Annual NMI Crime Stoppers Softball Fundraising Tournament last Saturday at the Capitol Hill baseball field.

The six-time defending champions actually swept through the elimination round to finishing as the No. 1 seed. It then faced tourney newcomer Tan Siu Lin Foundation in the finals and was upset, 15-16, in Game 1.

Good thing they had the twice-to-beat advantage in the championship round of the double-elimination tournament, as MegaByte quickly regrouped in Game 2, smacking the upstart TSL team, 22-10, to win it all again.

Coach Erlinda "Lyn" Naputi said MegaByte's recipe for success is that the team's members are all family

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TanHoldings tennis tourney moved to Nov. 12

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The return of the TanHoldings Tennis Classic will have to wait another two weeks after the 2021 edition of the event was postponed after the CNMI recorded its first local cases of COVID-19 in over 200 days.

Tournament coordinator Lydia Tan said the junior division of the tournament will now be from Nov. 12 to Nov. 15, while the adult division (18-and-over) will be held a week later from Nov. 19 to Nov. 21. The tournament will be played at the

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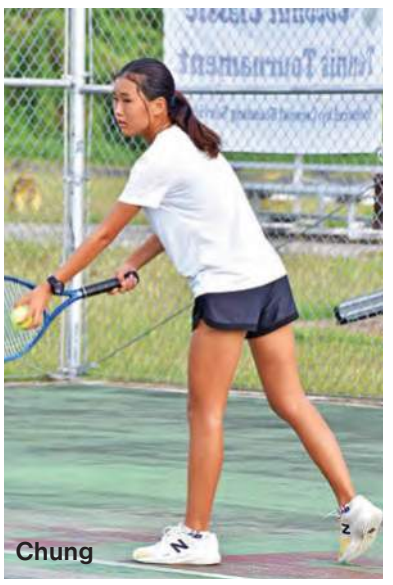

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Bola, Girls HS hoops pushed back

In this 2020 file photo, Marianas High School Varsity's Kiana Rangamar takes a shot against the MHS Junior Varsity's Nathanette Blas during the first half of their title game in the 2019-2020 Public School System Interscholastic Girls High School Basketball League at the MHS Gymnasium. The opening of the girls high school competition this season has been moved to Nov. 17. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Northern Mariana Islands Basketball Association has rescheduled two of its events as safety measure against the recent COVID-19 cases in the community.

NMIBF president James Lee said the federation is moving the kick-off of Bola, a mini basketball village outreach program, to Nov. 20, while the IT&E Interscholastic Girls High School Basketball League's opening has been reset to Nov. 17. Bola was originally set to start this Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Koblerville Basketball Court, while the girls HS hoops was initially scheduled to unfurl this Friday, Nov. 5, at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

"We want to thank all those who have inquired about Bola and those who offered their assistance to the program. However, we can't go ahead with the original schedule because of the COVID-19 cases in our community. Safety first. We will keep the public posted and hopefully we can start the program safely on Nov. 20, still at the Koblerville Basketball Court.

The remaining schedule for Bola sessions are as follows: Nov. 21 at Garapan Basketball Court; Nov. 27 at Civic Center Court; Nov. 28 at Kagman Community Center

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